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# VIVID STORY OF THE AGONY OF COVENTRY: A SECOND GUERNICA

## 12 Incendiary Bombs Hit Cathedral

LONDON, NOV. 15 (REUTER).—THE PROUD SPIRE OF COVENTRY CATHEDRAL TODAY STOOD AS SENTINEL OVER A GRIM SCENE OF DESTRUCTION FOLLOWING LAST NIGHT'S APPARENT GERMAN ATTEMPT TO MAKE COVENTRY A SECOND GUERNICA.

## MUNITION TRAIN BLOWN UP

### R.A.F. Bomber's Exploit

CLERMONT-FERRAND, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—Five hundred houses were destroyed at one stroke when a munitions train was blown up by a British bomber at Le Havre, declared "Havas."

It adds that the German-occupied town of Le Havre has suffered severely through British air raids. A petrol plant on the outskirts was destroyed. Hundreds of families are homeless and several important business houses have evacuated the town.

### Norway And France

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—Heavy attacks on enemy aerodromes in Norway and France were carried out by the R.A.F. last night.

A force of Blenheim bombers attacked the air base at Vannes Meuse in Brittany and reported hits, which caused a number of fires, were followed on runways and along the dispersal area.

One pilot, states the Air Ministry, observed twin-engined bombers concealed in a wood and, following his example, most of the other crews bombed the hiding place heavily.

A train approaching the aerodrome was machine-gunned.

Separate formations of Blenheims and Hudsons visited Saint Leger.

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## LATEST

### BERLIN RAIDS

LONDON, Nov. 15 (UP).—The Air Ministry Bulletin to-day states that the Royal Air Force was over Berlin for several hours last night, the raid commencing one or two hours after dusk.

Aided by a full moon the first raiders attacked the railroad station at Stettin and started fires which aided the following aircraft.

After the attack the whole area was aflame and visible for 30 miles. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire one pilot attacked under a thousand feet. Twelve fires were started in freight yards between Potsdam and Anhalter stations.

An even heavier attack was carried out on Schlesinger Station where fires were visible for 20 minutes after the planes had departed.

Osborne, Le Havre and Lorient shipping and docks were raided until early this morning.

The Bulletin added that British planes bombed a total of 26 enemy occupied aerodromes and harbours.

## BRITAIN SOVIET TERMS

### —U.K. Approach

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—De facto recognition of the incorporation of the Baltic States in the U.S.S.R.

A guarantee that Russia would be a participant in any peace settlement concluded after the war.

And an assurance that Britain would not be associated in any attack against Soviet Russia.

These were among the proposals submitted through the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Stafford Cripps, to Mr. Vishinski, Deputy Commissar for Foreign Affairs on October 22, "Reuter" learns.

The British Government has not yet received a reply.

From dusk to dawn there was seldom a period above two minutes when a bomb could not be heard falling. In the first six hours of attack, wave upon wave of 25 or more bombers in quick succession scattered hundreds of bombs of all types over a wide area.

Brilliant moonlight was not sufficient for the raiders who dropped flares and incendiary bombs to light up the scene. The city was soon bathed in a great red glow.

The barrage from the ground defences never slackened and the raiders were mostly kept at a great height from which accurate bombing was impossible.

Some fires were still alight when the Germans flew off, terminating a night of merciless and indiscriminate bombing.

## 16 NAZI PLANES DOWNED

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—Sixteen enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day in addition to the two destroyed during last night.

Little Activity.

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry, summing up the day's action, says there was little enemy air activity over Britain to-day.

One formation approached London and a few succeeded in penetrating to the capital but only a few bombs were dropped on the outskirts, causing little damage but a few casualties.

One of our fighters was lost but the pilot is safe.

A second attempt to reach London was smashed by British fighters and ground defences.

## Indo-China Economics

### Hanoi Conversations

HANOI, Nov. 15 (UP).—According to a Government communiqué issued here to-day, numerous conversations have taken place between the Japanese Economic Mission and the Indo-China authorities in an atmosphere of confidence and mutual comprehension.

The object of the conversations is to define the possibility of future Japanese-Indo-China exchange. The actual exchange of views will take place at Tokyo and will end with a Japanese-Indo-China economic accord.

A French delegation under M. René Robin, a former Governor-General of Indo-China is leaving France for Tokyo next week. The Indo-China Mission will leave for Tokyo shortly.

## Antonescu In Rome

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—Both Mussolini and Count Ciano to-day received General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Prime Minister, who is visiting Rome.

The "Telegraph" agency says that conversation with Ciano took place in an atmosphere of "lively cordiality" and lasted about an hour and half, during which time questions in connection with the relations of Italy and Rumania with the political future of the Axis was discussed.

## Sumner For Berlin

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—The British Foreign Minister, Sir Horace Sumner, will shortly leave for Germany for conversations with the German Foreign Minister, Dr. Goebbels.

It is announced.

## JAPAN'S EYES ON SOUTH SEAS



Japanese naval officials are now openly admitting that Japan intends to occupy the whole of Indo-China so that eventually, should opportunity present itself, she will be able to make an attack on British North Borneo and other British possessions in the Far East. This map illustrates the potential area threatened by the Japanese southward movement.

## Mediterranean Flights Reach All Targets Italian Bases Plastered

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—The whole dockyard of Taranto was plastered with bombs and fires were visible over 50 miles away when a formation of R.A.F. long range bombers attacked the base on the night of November 13-14.

The Air Ministry says that the raid met with considerable success. Seven fires were started one of which was followed by a violent explosion. Another explosion lit up Taranto 15 minutes after the bombers had left.

## Two More Convoy Ships Are Safe

LONDON, Nov. 15 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué issued to-day says that two more ships of the Jervis Bay convoy are now safe, making a total of 32 ships which have reached safely out of the 38 in the convoy.

The communiqué says: "As far as can be ascertained, the raider sank four ships of the convoy with a total tonnage of 25,453; however, one ship of 7,900 tons is still unaccounted for. One ship of 2,374 tons, which escaped from the raider was subsequently attacked by aircraft three days later, set afire and was abandoned."

## 'Erbert Writes A Billy Do To The Evacuees

A new feature for the page of Hongkong news which the "Telegraph" specially prepares for the evacuees in Australia and elsewhere will appear on Monday next.

Erbert Iggs, whose amusing commentaries on local events entertain so many every Saturday, is to write a weekly letter to the "guys in the Anzies" and the first of these will appear on Monday next. Erbert says he hopes the Rumboldts won't be jealous, but he rather fancy himself at writing "these ere billy doos" and it is certain the boys will get a kick out of them.

Illustrations of Hongkong happenings and all the news of the week will also be included in next Monday's edition of the "Telegraph".

## New Air Service To Singapore Planned

### By Pan-American

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (UP).—The Pan American Airways announced to-day that they had filed application with the Civil Aeronautics Authority to extend their trans-Pacific service to Singapore.

They added that when and if the application is granted, they will start "immediate service."

The new service will comprise alternate weekly flights from Manila to Hongkong and Manila to Singapore.

### First Direct Service

Mr. Juan Trippe, Chief Executive of Pan American Airways, said the route to the China Sea, and Singapore will provide the first direct service to the commanding trade centre of the Far East. He pointed out that through Singapore such important trade areas as the Dutch East Indies, Sumatra, Java and Borneo are closely served.

Also he said the new extension will provide the needed facilities for high speed communication and transport necessary to maintain further expansion of American trade with the Orient.

Pan-American Airways announcement did not mention the defence aspects, but informed quarters said it reflects the attitude of both the United States Administration and businessmen to maintain a "firm hand" in the Orient, particularly as a result of the recent developments in the Dutch East Indies. The same quarters said the Administration does not wish to make a provocative move in the Orient but feels that it can consistently support such private initiative.

### British Permission

Pan-American Airways said they can land at Singapore as the British seaplane base in the civil airport, and that they have obtained all the necessary British authorisations. Informants here are of the opinion that this is one of the latest moves in the United States' policy to oppose Japan in the Far East for the maintenance of what they consider to be the United States rights in that area.

## FREE FRENCH VESSEL LOST

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—The loss by enemy action of the patrol boat Le Poulmic is announced by the Admiral commanding the Free French naval force.

The next of kin will be informed as soon as possible.

The announcement adds, "The loss of this ship will only increase the determination of the Free French naval forces to continue the struggle against the Germans and Italians until victory for France and Great Britain has been attained."

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—India has up to now sent £1,500,000 to London for the purchase of warplanes for the R.A.F., says the Madras wireless.

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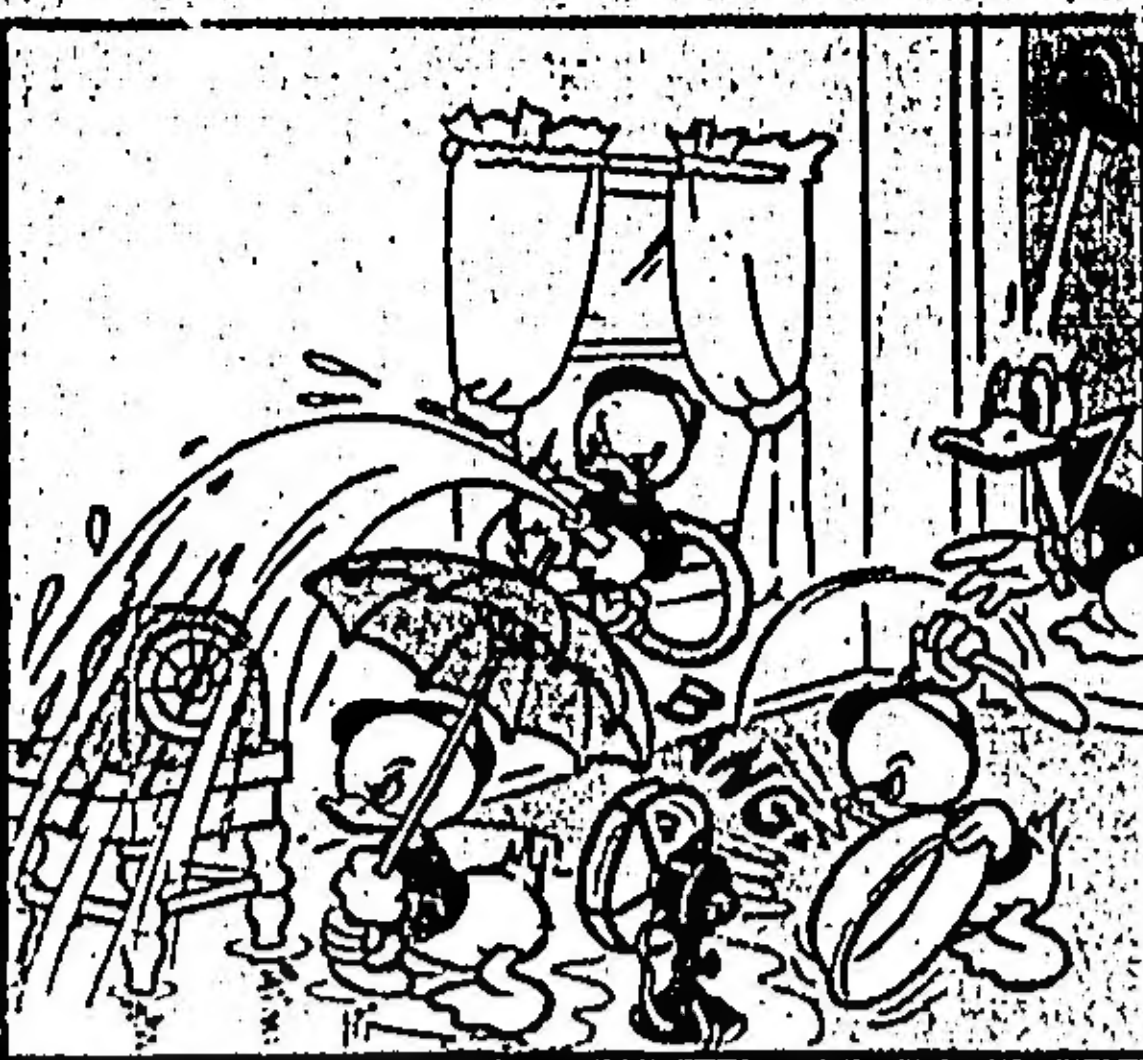


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"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

## CURRENT COMMENT

By "Scrutineer"

The comings and goings between the representatives of the Axis powers are heralded with a great blare of trumpets. One would have thought that recent experiences with General Franco and Marshal Petain would have advised on this occasion a good deal less ostentation. These mountains are often in great travail, but they do not even produce the ridiculous mouse.

This present 'get together' movement looks very strange. Germany, Italy and Japan not very long ago, signed an Anti-Comintern Pact; that is an anti-Bolshevik treaty, and it still stands. Now they are trying to induce Russia to come into it. Surely history has recorded nothing quite so remarkable. Germany is afraid of Russia, and Russia is still more afraid of Germany, which has seventy divisions in the eastern part of her territory, and has let it be known in Mein Kampf that the Ukraine is the ultimate goal of German ambition. Not ultimate, perhaps, for that word cannot be used in connection with German ambition. Japan's fear of Russia on the other hand is chronic, but by a homeopathic process this fear is being driven out by the greater fear of the United States.

Italian Fascism and German Nazism came into being entirely on the anti-Russian doctrine. The respective vocabularies of Germany and Italy were searched for suitable foul epithets to describe communism adequately.

This is what Hitler said on January 30, 1937: "I consider Bolshevism the most malignant poison that can be given to a people, and therefore I do not want my own people to come into contact with this teaching. I demand from every German workman that he shall not have any relations with these mischief-makers, and he shall never see me clinking glasses or rubbing shoulders with them. Moreover, any further treaty connections with the present Bolshevik Russia would be completely worthless for us."

The Axis powers found unity in this common hate, now they are trying to find agreement in a common love for that which they so recently loathed. It is very startling, but what an Axis power is capable of doing in the realm of morals is clearly not governed by any human standards hitherto accepted.

One thing is fairly certain and that is Russia is not going into war. The campaign in Finland was not encouraging, the strength of Germany is a deterrent, and the internal

situation is not such as to stand the strain of reverses. Hitler wants supplies; he wants oil and wheat and he is willing to barter the Dardanelles, Iraq and Iran to get them. The advantage of this is that it costs him nothing and he may get something. It would be extraordinary if these ill-assorted parties, who patently hate each other, accepted each other's word about anything.

## ITALY'S LOSSES

The events in Greece have proved what a small and gallant people can do when they are defending their own country. Italy, however, has tremendous reserves, and in the long run this ought to tell against the small but heroic army of Greece. The cost will be great, but Italy's prestige is at stake, and so is Germany's, so they must put forth every effort to repair the damage they have suffered.

The weakness of Italy has been proved again and again at sea, where she has to allow the British to occupy Crete, a most valuable base from which to attack the Dodecanese, Libya and Italy.

The destruction of her battleships in Taranto Harbour, and the continual hammering of Brindisi as well as the Albanian ports, means that Italy may lose the battle of Egypt on the coasts of Italy and Albania.

The bombastic outbursts of Mussolini have not lately been heard. His theatrical appearances on the balcony have not recently occurred. The war is now at his doors—not only at Turin and Milan, but at Naples and Brindisi; his heavy losses of planes over Britain and the disasters his troops have suffered in the Pindus Mountains—all this in one week naturally keeps him off the balcony.

It would seem that the Germans must come to his assistance, though the loss of face to Italy will be considerable. Hitler however must do this, or Italy with her crippled fleet, her communications with Libya and the Dodecanese, not to mention Somaliland and Abyssinia, threatened, would probably have to sue for a separate peace.

A short war was absolutely essential to Italy and as it is not going to be a short war, Germany must take steps accordingly and help her; but Molotov must first be persuaded that it is in Russia's interest to let her do so.

## BLITZKRIEG FAILS

The bombing of Britain goes on, and the latest pictures in the "Spheres" and "London Illustrated"

## GODS OF CHINA



## LUI TUNG BUN

The swordsman of the Eight Immortals, Lui Tung Bun, lived about 800 A.D. He was reputed to be a skilful fencer with a magic sword presented to him by the Fire Dragon.

One story told of him is that he met a magician, Han, at an inn. Han was heating rice wine and Lui, going to sleep, dreamt that he was promoted to high office and exceptionally favoured by fortune in every way. This went on for fifty years, when a serious misdemeanour caused him to be condemned to exile and his family exterminated. Awakening with a start, he found that the dream had taken such a short space of time that the magician's wine was not yet hot.

This incident is referred to in Chinese literature in the phrase, "A rice wine dream."

Walter C. Clark.

show the extent of the damage to Buckingham Palace, Regent Street and the East End of London; from this area great numbers have been evacuated. Britain's aim is to cripple Germany's production plants and to reduce her war potential; Germany's idea is to destroy London where a quarter of the population of England lives and terrify them into suing for peace. The British take the practical point of view and the Germans take the psychological standpoint. They are found of such terms as "blitzkrieg," policy of frightfulness, "sinking without trace." They are rather like the small boy who wears a fearsome mask to frighten his fellows. The Germans do this to hide the terror in their own souls, and they hope to create in the British that fear which possesses them.

But the blitzkrieg on Britain failed, and the mass attacks on London failed too, for the Germans are very poor psychologists. They do not understand the mentality of the British, and now one of their generals has let it be known that Britain cannot be conquered from the air. It must be invaded. With the Italian fleet crippled, and the defences of Britain far stronger than they were three months ago, the Germans must of necessity be gravely worried.

"It would just be like that fellow Hitler to break his word and not invade us," expresses the feeling of the country. Meanwhile, apparently Lord Haw-Haw has let it be known that Oxford, the city of Solres, is not going to be bombed as it is to be preserved for German youth. It is a wonderful tribute.

The pictures of the King and Queen touring the shattered parts of London without seeing anything

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

"Thinking is easy; action is difficult; to act in accordance with one's thoughts is the most difficult thing in the world"—GOETHE.

This week has witnessed with sorrow the passing of Neville Chamberlain, a statesman whose greatness will not be fully appreciated until many decades have mellowed and hallowed his memory. When placed in true, dispassionate perspective, the magnitude of his task in his later years will be appreciated.

It is easy to criticise, as the Prime Minister was criticised, when things are heading the wrong way—when there is a sudden and dramatic realisation that all is not well.

The man at the helm at such a moment may realise that he has taken the wrong course, but by dint of quick thinking may still be able to save his ship. It may not have been his fault that he found himself in a predicament—many things may have served to misguide him. His chart or compass may have been at fault. His instructions may have been unreasonable—he may have placed too much trust in others—have believed in others as he believed in himself.

If he saved his ship, that is all that matters.

I believe that Chamberlain saved the position by his coolness and sangacity at the very moment when the ship of state was liable to founder on the rocks created by the deceit and cunning of Hitler.

with those who have been bombed out of their homes—the frequent visits of the Prime Minister to similar places as yet unattended, except by his colleagues, stand out in marked contrast with the appearances of the dictators when they tour their own countries in armoured trains, or parade along the streets accompanied by heavily armed troops and protected from the crowds by rows of armed soldiers.

Lord Haw-Haw himself must be getting rather depressed at the long delayed departure of our rulers for Canada. He is always talking about it. It certainly amuses the British people as they listen to these announcements, and that is the surest proof that such a contingency is very remote indeed.

## GERMAN RAIDER

The dispatch of the German raider Von Scheer into the Atlantic aims at diverting a portion of the British fleet from its double task of policing the Mediterranean and of guarding the shores of Britain.

Though the raider is only one ship, the task of finding and destroying it involves the distribution of a considerable number of men-of-war over the wide ocean. In these days however of aeroplanes, submarines and destroyers, the search should not prove so long and difficult. But it is impossible to police the whole coast of Europe, especially as the northern part is, at this time of the year for the most part shrouded in darkness.

Unlike the Italians the Germans have come to the conclusion that if their warships must be destroyed, then it had better occur at sea where they might do some damage to merchant ships before going to the bottom. The alternative for them is destruction by bombers in the harbours at Kiel, Hamburg or Bremen.

Leonard Ingram, broadcasting from London on Tuesday night, referred to Hitler as a swindler. He was calling to mind Chamberlain's visits to Munich, when Germany's dictator (swindler that he is) placed his signature (alongside that of Britain's Prime Minister) to a document which declared that once the Sudeten Germans were within the fold of the Reich, Germany had no further territorial ambitions.

That typical Hitlerian lie has been exposed, but behind it all stands out Chamberlain's trusting belief that no man could be such a double-crossing liar as Hitler.

Hitler may have laughed up his sleeve at the easy manner in which he swindled his intended victim. There can be nothing but contempt however for the crook. Of course, now it appears ludicrous when one visualises a gallant gentleman placing his, and his country's trust, in the word or signature of the blackest character in the underworld of international affairs.

But Chamberlain had no option. He knew that he was dealing with an armed desperado. His arms had been thrown away by his predecessors, Ramsay MacDonald and Baldwin. What else could he do?

Thinking was easy, but action difficult. In fact, at that moment, it was impossible for England to act as she is now doing.

It was all very well for people to demand that the time had come for England to assert herself. In 1937, she would have found it hard to defend herself, had Hitler dared to unleash his forces.

Chamberlain knew this. Doubtless the War Office and the Admiralty and Air Force knew it, but thanks to one man who humiliated himself by visiting Hitler in his Munich lair, breathing space was secured—and England began hurriedly and belatedly to set her house in order.

The time came, somewhere about May last, when the country, having at last grasped the extent of Hitler's duplicity, clamoured for a new Prime Minister. The work of the man who has served so well, was not even understood. He understood, however, and willingly made way for a new leader.

It was fortunate that such a man as Churchill existed to become the country's idol and inspiration in a moment of extreme peril, and there could be only thankfulness and gratification that he was on hand to take over from the man who had become tired in steering such a hazardous course.

The fact remains that Chamberlain realised the tremendousness of his task, and tackled it with perspicacity and understanding, and probably no man knows that better to-day than Hitler, who smiled when he saw pictures of the British Prime Minister landing at Croydon, after returning from Munich, and was to the crowd a document which bore the signature of the head of the German nation. A signature which Hitler knew would be returned from the Bank of International Trust, unhonoured and false.

Neville Chamberlain has passed on to the ranks of the immortals. Our vicissitudes to-day are the result of his humiliation at Munich. Dark as those hours may have been, I believe that he galvanised the country into action, because of his seeming simplicity, which, after all, proved to be but a cloak to superb diplomacy.

We looked about his umbrella. We dubbed him a benign old gentleman; but we were glad and proud and concerned because we knew that he was able and determined to serve his country in the hour of her greatest peril.

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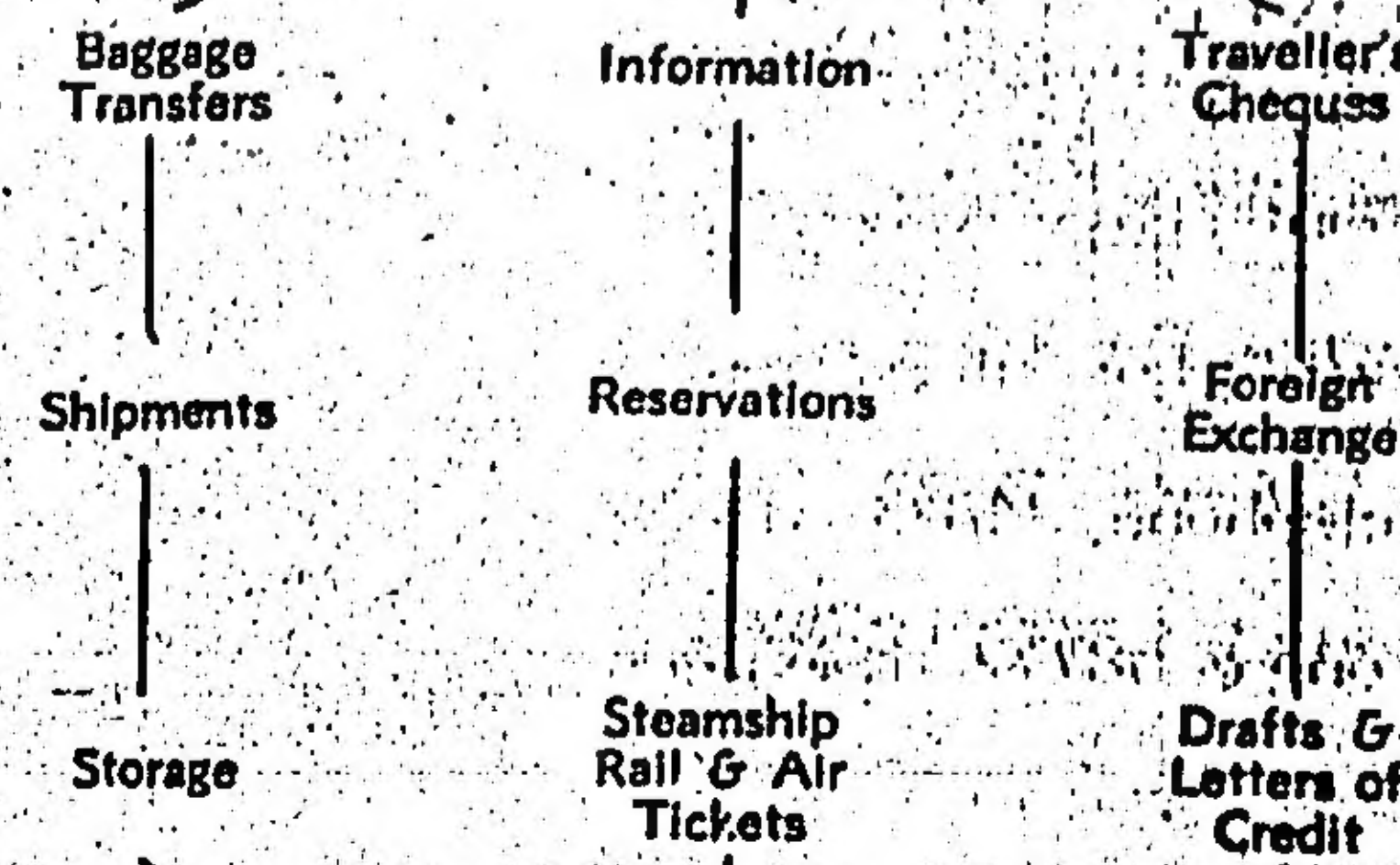
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# Co-operation On Football Field

## Referees And Linesmen Should Work Together: Aiding The Association

(By "SCRAMBLER")

A STORM seems to have cropped up out of the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association about the co-operation of referees. Such an incident as was quoted in the match between South China and Royal Scots bears some remarks.

If one were a Policeman, and whilst off duty saw a man arrested for a crime committed by another, it is his right and duty to notify the right quarters that a mistake had been committed and that a wrong man had been held. Because he is a Policeman off duty does not mean that he should mind his own business and let the other man look after it. Such a course would only bring about a "miscarriage of justice".

The Referee concerned did right in bringing notice to responsible quarters, and were it not for his action, the wrong man would have been penalised for an action that did not in any way emanate from him. I am still wondering what happened to the two linesmen that were officiating at that game? Was the actual offence obscured from their view? Or was it that they left it to the discretion of the Referee concerned to deal with the situation?

This is where "co-operation" in the right sense should have been called up among the referees and the linesmen.

Linesmen are supposed to act secondary to the referee in all matches, but their decisions and views during the game must be attended to by the referee concerned should same be presented to him during the game. If, as some referees take in upon themselves to ignore the callings of such linesmen simply because they consider them below their standard or are biased, then the question of co-operation, as suggested at the meeting was all "eye wash".

They would rather see an innocent man penalised for an offence that he did not commit than to see a brother referee being co-opted or suborned to give evidence against the referee concerned.

Justice should not be overthrown for the sake of ethics. If any co-operation is required between the Football Association and the Referees' Association, no better example could have been set than to have that referee called up in the capacity of a spectator before the Board at the Emergency Meeting.

### Barracking

OF late, I have noticed in several matches barracking of referees and players alike by spectators. Spectators must realise that after all they are human, and for humans to err is nothing strange. The best make mistakes, but so long as they do not persist in making

the same mistakes it is forgivable.

The officials concerned are appointed to govern the games, and they are in a position to give the verdicts better than the spectators. I think Clubs should make it their business to see to it that their supporters behave themselves, and unwarranted barracking and remarks be at all costs effaced.

Spectators who understand the fundamental principles of the game will readily concede the pros and cons for the referees, and because a decision is given against their team during a crucial moment is no reason why rowdy behaviour should be allowed to exist.

### Poor Services

THE last few seasons have seen a decline in the standard of the Services' football. Up till then, there never was a day in which the best of the Services could not give the best of the Civilians and Chinese real opposition. The Army at one period used to produce league winning teams, but they, too, have fallen off considerably, and are at the moment far below the local standard.

Unless a rejuvenation of their team be brought about as soon as possible, this decline will persist.

The Services have the men and materials at their disposal. The Navy, for instance, have men individually as good as any the Civilians can produce, yet when they are put up as a team together, understanding and co-ordination are absolutely lacking.

Witness the last game played on Monday. The Services were out-maneuvred during the greater part of the game, yet if one were to pit against them men to man, they would have come off equally well.

### THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

THE week-end will see the usual programme of league matches, and the match worth watching is that between the Middlesex and Sing Tao to-day at Soekunpoo. Although the soldiers are what one might say an indifferent lot, nevertheless, if they will have to be at their very best to avoid losing either one or both of their points.

Other teams to win are Royal Scots against Club, Navy against St. Joseph's, Police against Kowloon and Eastern against Kwong Wah.

## VICTORIOUS ASSOCIATION SOCCER TEAM



The Football Association XI which defeated the Combined Services 3-0 in the Poppy Day match at Happy Valley on Monday.

Reading left to right: R. M. Omar (manager), Blackburn, Pope, Williamson, Cheung Wing-choi, Hsu King-shing, Lee Tinsang, Howlett (back row); Chung Yung-sam, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong and Hau Ching-to.—Mae Cheung.

## Kowloon G.C. Qualifying Rounds

DRAW for the qualifying round of the Kowloon Golf Club Senior and Junior Championships and the 36 holes medal-play Championship, which will be held on the Kowloon Course on Sunday, was as follows (together with starting times):

9.00 S. Tomlinson and J. McKelvie.  
9.04 W. Kerschaw and S. Fox.  
9.08 T. B. Low and A. Eastman.  
9.12 T. Lamb and E. J. M. Churn.  
9.16 K. McKenzie and A. J. Dennis.  
9.20 F. C. Barry and E. F. Fincher.  
9.24 W. V. Ahern and A. A. Lopes.  
9.28 W. S. Hillier and R. K. Collins.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
9.28 G. B. Frost and L. Sykes.  
9.32 J. Coles and W. C. Hung.  
9.36 H. J. Grose and J. R. Humble.  
9.40 R. Millar and F. J. Remedios.  
9.44 T. Henderson and E. C. Fincher.  
9.48 W. Groves and A. G. Butterfield.

Those players requiring lifts are requested to notify the No. 1 Boy.

## Bowls To-day At Kowloon C.C.

The friendly game of lawn bowls between Kowloon Tong and the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held this afternoon at the Kowloon C.C. and not Kowloon Tong as previously notified.

### Rugby Football

## Police Meet Navy In Quadrangular Tournament To-day

(By "Fly-half")

CHIEF INTEREST in this afternoon's rugby at Boundary Street will be with the first game of the Quadrangular Tournament between Police and Navy. In their earlier game, Police gained a narrow victory, thanks to a sterling display by their forwards, but since then Navy have improved steadily whereas Police have not maintained that earlier promise.

Injuries and illness still dog the Policemen, and now Seale is out of the game. His place in the pack will be taken by Lewis. Innes is withdrawn from the pack, and given a berth in the threes. Lewis will be tried out as hooker. Leelle comes into the team as scrum half, and Wall is to play full back.

Navy team is strong, and provided no last minute changes are necessary, it should obtain victory. The threes

are particularly well balanced and should receive sufficient openings from Carter, at fly half, to score tries. The Navy forwards will be given a severe test by the Police eight, and

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Hongkong, 12th November, 1940.

### University Hockey XI

The following will represent the Kowloon Hockey XI in their H.K.U.A. Tournament game against the Hongkong University Hockey XI on Sunday at 4 p.m. on Police Ground, Boundary Street:—

Surtin Singh, Mohinder Singh, J. S. Grewal, Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Gurdeep Singh, Karaminder Singh, A. E. P. Quest, Awtar Singh, Jangeer Singh and A. N. Oke.

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### NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP

Baffin Bay  
Amicus Curiae  
Viceroy

### NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Criffel  
Derby Day  
Franklin

### CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Bressay  
Double Chance  
Valorous

### Daily Double

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## VOLUNTEERS CRICKET XI

The following will represent the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in a game of cricket against Cragenham at Happy Valley to-morrow at 2 p.m.:

K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. G. Day, R. S. Gill, G. N. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, N. A. E. Mackay, D. O. Parsons, L. T. Ride, A. Zimmerman and F. R. Zimmerman.

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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21220).

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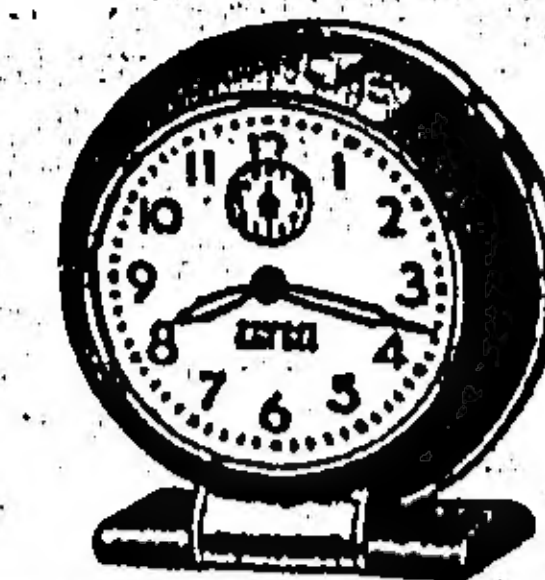
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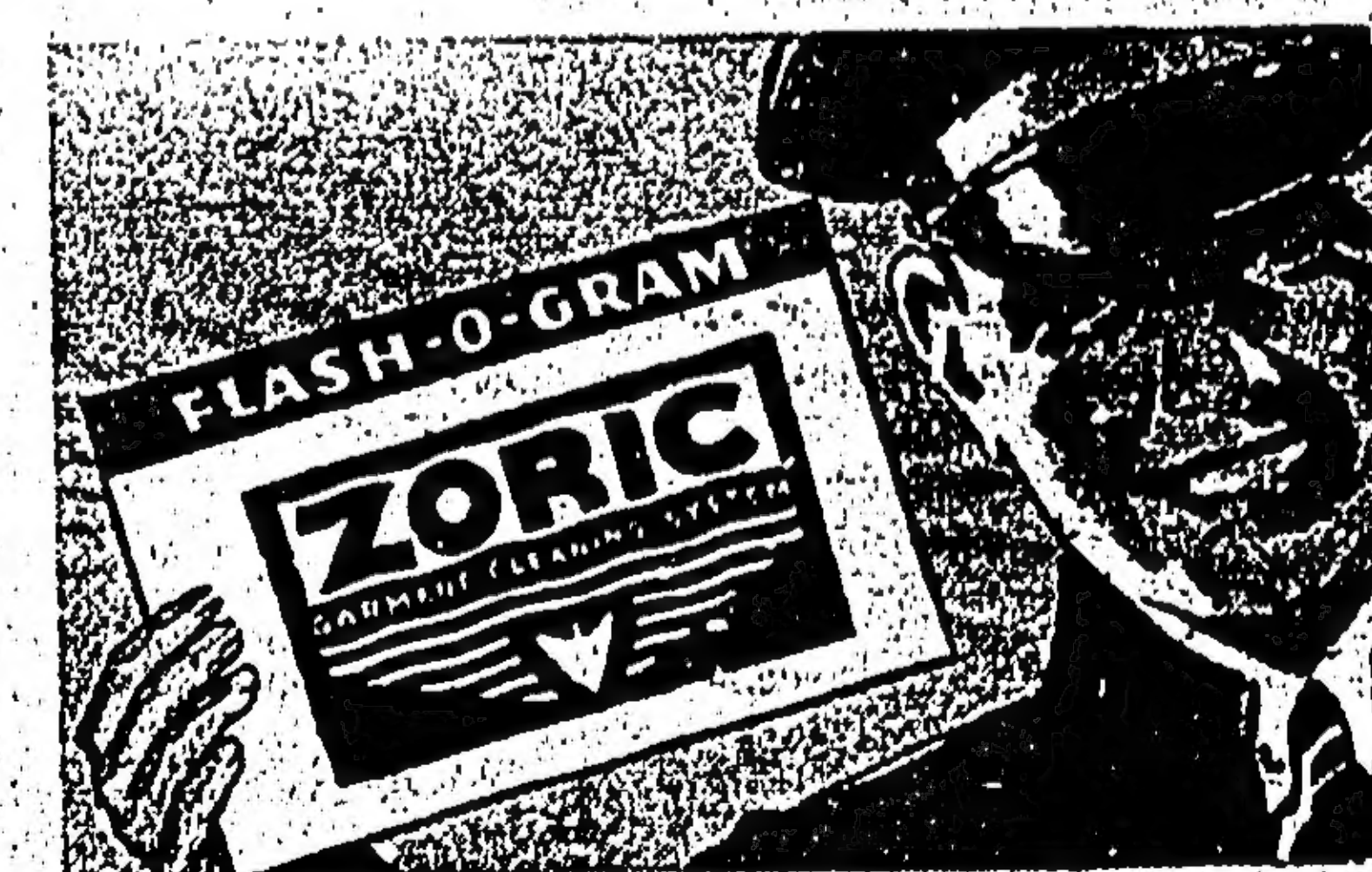
"I've never hated a morning as much. I'm still tossing feverishly on my bed of pain. In fact I don't suppose I shall ever get up again. Send me some books from time to time, will you? And a few flowers. Tell the boys I'm keeping a stiff upper lip."

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1.03 p.m. Piano Duets by Young  
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"Roberta"—Selection "Sweet Ad-  
eline"—Selection.

1.15 London Piano-Accordion Band,  
under direction of Scott Wood.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Wea-  
ther Report and Announcements.

1.45 p.m. A Humorous Variety  
Programme.

2.15 p.m. Close Down.

6.00 Tschalkowsky—Symphony  
No. 5 in E Minor (Op. 64).

Leopold Stokowski conducting the  
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

6.47 Closing Local Stock Quo-  
tations.

6.50 Songs by Dennis Noble (Bar-  
itone).

Star of My Soul ("The Celahla");  
The Shade of the Palm ("Floradora");  
The Rebel (from "Freebooter  
Songs").

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Topical Talk:  
"Questions of the Hour."

7.27 Tino Rossi (Tenor) and the  
Orchestra Mascotte.

8.03 London Relay—"Garrison  
Theatre."

9.00 London Relay—News and  
News Commentaries.

9.30 An Hour of Popular Classics.

10.30 Paul Robeson (Bass).

Lonely Road (from the film "Song  
of Freedom"); Jes' Mah Song;  
Shenandoah.

10.40 Ills and Scenes from Ivor  
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11.15 Dance Music.

12 midnight. Close Down.

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10.30 a.m. Relay of Morning Ser-  
vice from the Union Church.

12.15 p.m. Selections from "The  
Gondoliers."

12.40 Programme of Light Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-  
ther Report.

1.03 Rawicz and Landauer (Two  
Pianos).

1.15 A short programme by Esia  
Ackland (Contralto) and Lawrence  
Tillett (Baritone).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press,  
Weather Forecast and Announce-  
ments.

1.45 Chopin—Concerto for Piano  
No. 1 in E Minor... Arthur Rubins-  
tein and the London Symphony Or-  
chestra conducted by John Bar-  
birolli.

2.15 Orchestral Selections.

2.30 Close Down.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Topical Talk:  
"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Compositions of Kotelbey.

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report  
and Announcements.

8.03 Famous Overtures and Arias  
from Grand Opera.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—The News  
and News Commentaries.

9.30 Some Welsh Songs.

9.45 Military Band Music.

10.05 Edouard Commette (Organ).

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening  
Epilogue.

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10.30 Close Down.

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## Summary Of Italian And British Fighting

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—Striking evidence of Britain's  
success against Italy is contained in an authoritatively-compiled  
statement of the losses sustained by British and Italian forces  
in engagements with each other since Italy entered the war.

British naval losses comprise one  
light cruiser, one destroyer, and one  
submarine.

Italy's losses are three battleships  
severely damaged; one cruiser sunk,  
two others damaged; ten destroyers,  
24 submarines and a submarine depot  
ship, and one store ship all sunk and  
two fleet auxiliaries damaged.

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brought down nearly nine times as  
many of the enemy.

In all three theatres of war the  
Italians have lost 364 planes through  
air force action.

### Claim Denied

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—The  
Italian claim that a submarine had  
torpedoed a British battleship of the  
Ramilles class is quite untrue, the  
Admiralty announces.

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perience and natural talents to useful  
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minates in his role of Ronnie, the  
imaginative free-lance journalist who  
plans a "murder" in order to get a  
story.

R. T. Burch gives a particularly  
noteworthy performance as Harry  
Kapel, J.P., a self-made "county  
man" who turns out to be a first-rate  
crook. Bob Leigh turns in a neat  
contribution as Sergt. Spedding and  
Vic Labrum has a tailor-made part as  
Price, the sour and belligerent care-  
taker. Day Sage, the only woman in  
the cast handles her part competently  
and in lively fashion, while G.G.  
Davies gives adequate support,  
especially in the romance scenes.

Walter Western plays P.C. O'Brien  
with quiet understanding. Cecil  
Houghton has done a fine job of  
work in his production and direction  
of the play, and there should be  
capacities crowds to-night and again  
to-morrow to enjoy this show. The  
proceeds are in aid of the "South  
China Morning Post" and "Hongkong  
Telegraph" Bomber Fund.

## AMERICA AND TANGIER

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—  
Representations to the Spanish Gov-  
ernment concerning the establishment  
of military control in the inter-  
national zone of Tangier have been  
made by the United States Ambas-  
sador in Madrid.

This was announced by the State  
Department to-day.

It will be recalled that the British  
Government has already made  
similar representations.

## REPORT DENIED

LONDON, Nov. 15 (UP).—Naval  
circles here denied the claim made  
over the Italian radio that an Italian  
submarine had torpedoed a British  
battleship of the Ramilles class.

## Iron Guard Split In Rumania

BELGRADE, Nov. 15 (Reu-  
ter).—With the expulsion from  
the Legionary (Iron Guard)  
Party of members—some of  
them important—who demon-  
strated against the Government,  
an open split has now developed  
in the movement, according to  
reports from Bucharest.

Those expelled under a decree  
signed by M. Horia Sima, the Vice-  
Premier and Iron Guard Leader, in-  
clude three Opposition leaders, M.  
Dimitrescu Borna, M. Dimitrescu  
Zabada and M. Georg Cloragaru.

The Legionary newspaper writes  
that "there are many in Rumania who  
are unwilling to follow" the present  
foreign policy.

## Probables For November Handicap

LONDON, Nov. 15 (Reuter).—  
Probables for the Manchester  
November Handicap are:

Black's Peck (D. Smith), Ballman  
(Harry Wragg), Owenstown (Taylor),  
Pappagano II (Richardson), Tutor  
(E. Smith), Rodeo II (Brennan),  
Hannac (Littlewood), Long Rigger  
(Beasley), Planchado (G. Ford or  
Richardson), Belindcar (Nevett),  
Queen of Shiraz (Maher), Hart Hill  
(Beary), Wayward Miss (Bezan),  
Czadas (Sammy Wragg), Roderick  
Dhu (Cliff Richards), Sir Roger  
(Dick), Lister (Mullins).

Without lockkeys: Cheerful Star,  
Brangore, Cingue Cento, Moody.

## Quadrangular Rugby To-day

(Continued from Page 4.)

can expect to do no better than hold  
them.

### CLUB-ARMY GAME

THE CLUB-ARMY game is a  
friendly, but not devoid of interest  
because of it. Army have one vic-  
tory to their credit against Club, and,  
indeed, to date have not been de-  
feated. Both sides have improved  
since the former occasion when they  
met, with Club showing the greater  
improvement.

With Thomson injured, Morgan,  
who has given some spirited displays  
for Club "A" at stand-off half, is  
given his first chance with the 1st  
XV. Godfrey has earned his place in  
the pack.

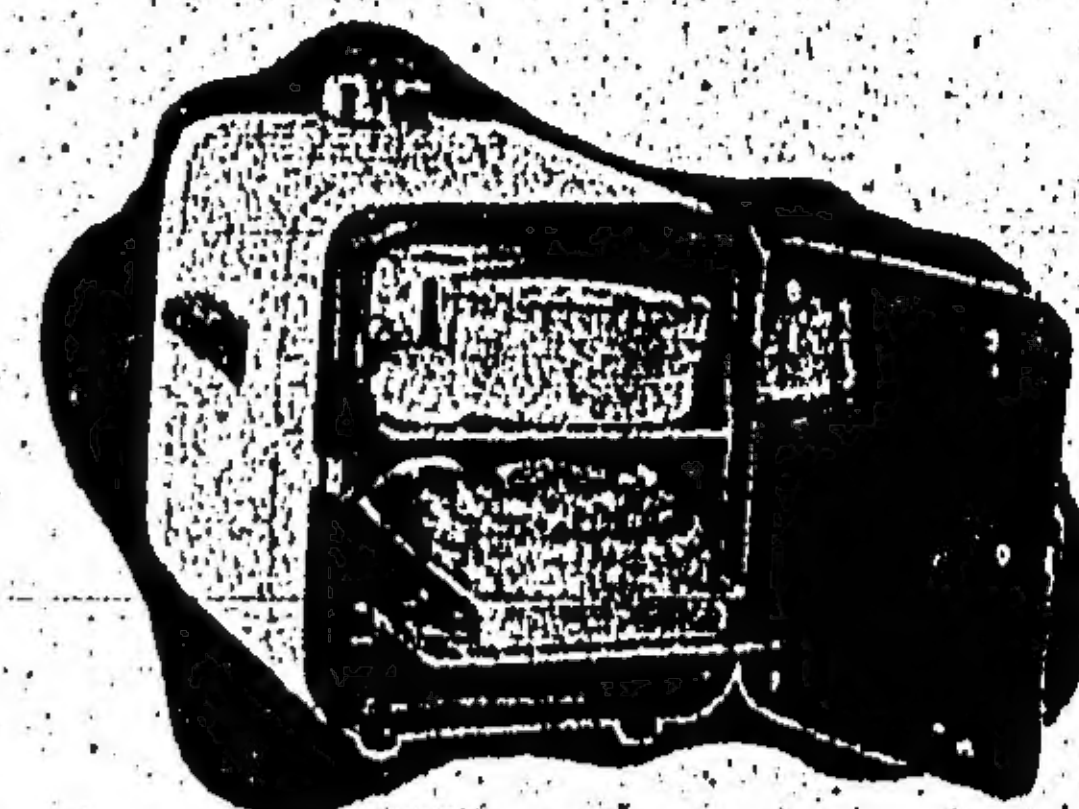
The Army side is practically the  
same as has given them so many  
victories. Duke, recovered from an  
injury, makes a come-back. Wedder-  
burn is another to do the same. The  
return of these two further  
strengthens the side, and any  
superiority that Wedderburn gains  
over Morgan may decide the issue.

With Ford hooking, Army may be  
relied upon to get the ball in the set  
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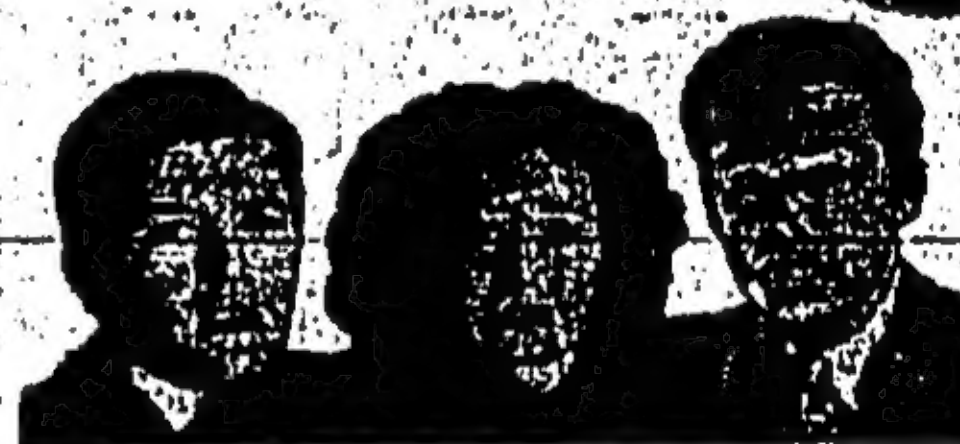
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**EFFICIENT COMMITTEE**

THE committee appointed at the public meeting of Hongkong husbands a week ago has gone ahead with its work in commendable manner, two meetings having been held in the course of the past seven days, and the primary draft of the petition which is to be presented to the Home Government agreed upon.

The precise terms of that petition are not yet known outside of the committee, but it can be presumed that they cover the principal points raised at the public meeting, which were a request for the early return of the evacuees from Australia, similar facilities for those who have been stranded in other parts of the world whilst on leave, adequate shipping arrangements, and financial assistance.

Couched in acceptable phraseology and eschewing accusations, taunts and demands, there is no reason why the petition should not receive favourable consideration by the Imperial Government. The husbands have a good case and it only needs for it to be presented in a fair manner to ensure, at least, a hearing.

With the petition drafted and approved, the committee will have completed its principal task, but there are a dozen side-issues of varying importance for future consideration and recommendation. Given the same assiduous attention which has been paid to the preparation of the petition, the Colony's husbands will have no fault to find with their selected committee. A big task has been shouldered, but there is every reason to believe that it will be carried out faithfully and fruitfully. Even if their efforts meet with little or no success, the committee will have earned the gratitude of the British community for the prompt and efficient manner in which the wishes of that community have been translated into action.

This is the story that will be told when Petain brings M. Reynaud to trial. It tells how

**THE ENTENTE CORDIALE**  
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By A Special Correspondent

HERE is a modest contribution to the untold history of this war. It is a story which will be unfolded at the forthcoming "war guilt" trial of M. Paul Reynaud at Riom and which marks the most momentous and final page of the history of the Anglo-French Alliance.

For it reveals the dramatic circumstances in which both M. Reynaud, a victim to his loyalty to Britain, and the Alliance crashed together in less than 30 minutes on Sunday evening, June 16, in a saloon of the Hotel Splendid at Bordeaux, thus making way for the Petain men and the surrender of France to Germany.

It will be remembered that after the French military debacle, when the German armies were advancing through the country without resistance, and when M. Paul Reynaud, after a desperate and dramatic appeal to President Roosevelt, thought of transferring his Government either to London or to Northern Africa, Britain, in an endeavour to maintain French resistance, suggested to the French Premier a "Franco-British Union," which would have made every Briton a Frenchman.

This offer was at the centre of the drama which caused the fall of Reynaud and the end of the alliance with France.

**Mr. Amery's Idea**

It was Mr. Amery who first had the idea of this projected Union. He told Mr. Chamberlain, who spoke about it to Mr. Winston Churchill.

The Prime Minister favoured the idea, and spoke about it to M. Reynaud when he visited him at Tours during the few days the French Cabinet was there before retreating to Bordeaux.

M. Reynaud was enthusiastic; so were M. Mandel, several other Ministers and leading statesmen like M. Heriot, President of the Chamber. At that time M. Reynaud had practically decided to take his Government to Algiers to lead the resistance of the French colonial empire.

Mr. Churchill promised M.

Reynaud to send him a draft copy of the suggested "Anglo-French Union," on consultation with the Cabinet immediately after his return to London.

**Defeatist Plot**

General de Gaulle who had been sent on a special mission to London a few days later, saw Mr. Churchill in the morning and early in the afternoon of Sunday June 16, before flying back to Bordeaux. The Prime Minister handed the draft of the suggested "Union" to the General, who was, at the time, Under-Secretary for War in the Reynaud Cabinet. De Gaulle arrived with it at Bordeaux in the evening.

But Reynaud, when planning to accept the British offer and organise resistance in Northern Africa, had counted without the defeatists who were plotting against him inside the Government.

The most active figures were Marshal Petain, who was strongly in favour of seeking an armistice (he was supported by the Commander-in-Chief, General Weygand) and Paul Baudoin, then only Foreign Under-Secretary, who stood for complete surrender, but was very careful not to express his views openly in the presence of the French Premier's supporters.

They had so far refrained from direct opposition to the idea of an "Anglo-French Union," which had not yet been officially submitted to the Cabinet. But behind the scene, they were using it as an argument against Reynaud to sap his influence and prestige.

The Baudoin-Petain clique decided that their time had come when they heard that General de Gaulle was expected to return from London with the draft of Mr. Churchill's offer to France. They were pressing M. Reynaud hard to ask Berlin for an armistice.

There had been two Cabinet meetings before De Gaulle returned from London on that fatal Sunday. One lasted from 11.30 to 12.15. Another, called at 6, ended at 7.45.

Tired Reynaud, Mandel and several others pleaded for resistance, but they could feel they were defending a lost cause.

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When in possession of the document from the British Government, M. Reynaud called a third meeting of the Ministers at 10.0 in the evening, and the terms of the proposed "Anglo-French Union" was read out, an outburst of indignation came from the defeatist Ministers. Baudoin was their spokesman. Availing himself of France's military defeat, he said, Britain was trying to colonise her. It was intolerable.

The word "impudence" was repeated by several members of the Cabinet when referring to both Mr. Churchill's offer and M. Reynaud's defence of it. Realising that he was done for, the French Premier made the

Cabinet's acceptance of the "Union" plan a question of confidence in him. A vote was taken. By a small majority the plan was rejected.

The discussion had lasted less than one half-hour.

Deadly pale, M. Reynaud rose from his seat, saying: "Now, gentlemen, you have what you wanted. I am going to hand my resignation and that of the Cabinet to the President of the Republic. One day, soon you will regret what you have done."

I understand the Petain Government—which succeeded that of Reynaud—made no reply to Mr. Churchill about his offer, which would have saved France from a shameful capitulation.

**"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE**

**'Erbert 'Iggs**  
**— Kollum —**

nock nock!

oos there?

fortybackashun!

fortybackashun oo?

fortybackashun (me gorn ter sidney crissled)

did i ere sumbody say i wud like utah rile samoa?

cor stone me sideways!

Well ere we are agine and fings dont seem so bad as they is was it?

wot wiv beln abel ter plesce yerself abot the compulsory evackashun

irrespektif ov rice and the price ov food cummin darn ter sixty

sents a bottle—corrumme honkong aint such a bad little ole arter oell

torkin abot food remins me i sor a bloke in plush foret the uvver

day—ya nose wot i meen them gorf

trousers wot the bank blokes puts on sunday mornins on chapman common—crikey i wud like ter see a

bolter in honkong—look like a blinkin black topee wudnt it?

torkin abot gorf i met a bloke on the ferry the uvver day wiv

wun ov them there bags full of gorf cues first e arks me fer a

match ter life is pipe then e pockits the blinkin box and sez ter me "the

greens haint orly gude owt heah" and carlovaudek yu orler seen is

dile wen i sez "i dont know much abot that mister but ive jest ad

sum luvly corn beef and cabbage

darn little ole gingles placed

sum honkong people is sartely ignorant wen it comes ter grub

and crickey, wot abot little ole mussie macaroni boys gittin in the blinkin green agin and the

eyetalyan fleet gittin the kibosh—I erd the uvver day that little ole tiler

and mussie is gittin' divers suits made, so they kin go darn and

inspeck their fleets.

(sumbody last week told me i was facetious wen i rote abot

tiler and mussie—jest as tho i dont know facetious is mussie

party)

and wot abot this ere bloke pop-

pem cummin arse for the de-

pendent blimsie corblimey i bet e wont ar popem owt wate till the

little ole jappies nibbhisars that wun sum people sez of this blimsie

is nuffin but a peritikel maneuvre same as the evackashun—well they aint fur rong becos maneuvre

is wot they put on grass ter make it grow

cant rite no more this week becos aif and me totter date wiv a

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wavy navy subby.

**These men are worth their**  
**weight in diamonds**

THERE is great activity in the diamond world.

The British Government is eagerly fostering the development of the diamond cutting industry in this country, and about 150 cutters who escaped from Holland and Belgium, the home of the industry, are training British workmen in the difficult art.

Why this sudden activity?

There are two reasons.

One is that without diamonds armament and air work might as well cease, for diamonds are essential to precision engineering.

The other is the German occupation of Amsterdam and Antwerp, for these cities, with 35,000 skilled workmen, had a virtual monopoly in diamond cutting.

Germany herself has 1,000 cutters; the United States about 200; Africa a few hundreds.

British, her sales crammed with millions of pounds worth of stones, had only a few dozen cutters.

So Germany has workers but few rough stones to cut. This world has the stones, but no one to shape them.

Meanwhile, demand soars and prices with it. Fine stones now fetch 200 per cent. of pre-war prices.

But hoarders still rush to buy, fearing inflation, and cranking securities, knowing that diamonds retain international value through any upheaval; that £500,000 can be carried in a pocket.

Before the war £12,000,000 worth of cut diamonds sold in a year (80 per cent. to America), minute diamonds—small and cheap—since last September, it is estimated, £25,000,000 worth have changed hands.

Industry, too, craves cut diamonds. Half the world's output are lustreless brown-yellow stones.

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One British firm, which really handled 3,000,000 industrial stones a year, sold 1,000,000 in a single war month.

The Board of Trade has now made registration of all stocks of industrial diamonds compulsory. In Germany they may soon be repeating their last war, when diamonds were used to make tools from women's rings.

The Nazis had a "fair" held in Amsterdam. When invasion came the merchants could not get rid of their stocks, which were locked up as usual in "time sales" adapted to open after the week-end. By then the Germans were waiting to pocket them.

But these won't last her armaments works for long. She is abnormally short of diamonds, at home a six-year stock of rough stones, which were worked as usual in "time sales" adapted to open after the week-end. By then the Germans were waiting to pocket them.

About to Dutch and Belgian merchants, Adolf with stones, started a trading club in Hoboken. The skill of the cutters who escaped to this country is being fully utilised.

Shaping diamonds is a skilled job. First step is often the "splitting" of the stone. Diamonds have a "grain" (lines) which parts of from hundreds of millions of years ago) and the splitter has only to make a tiny notch with a minute diamond-shed and to tap a sharp flake—most "in" and "out" of the stone.

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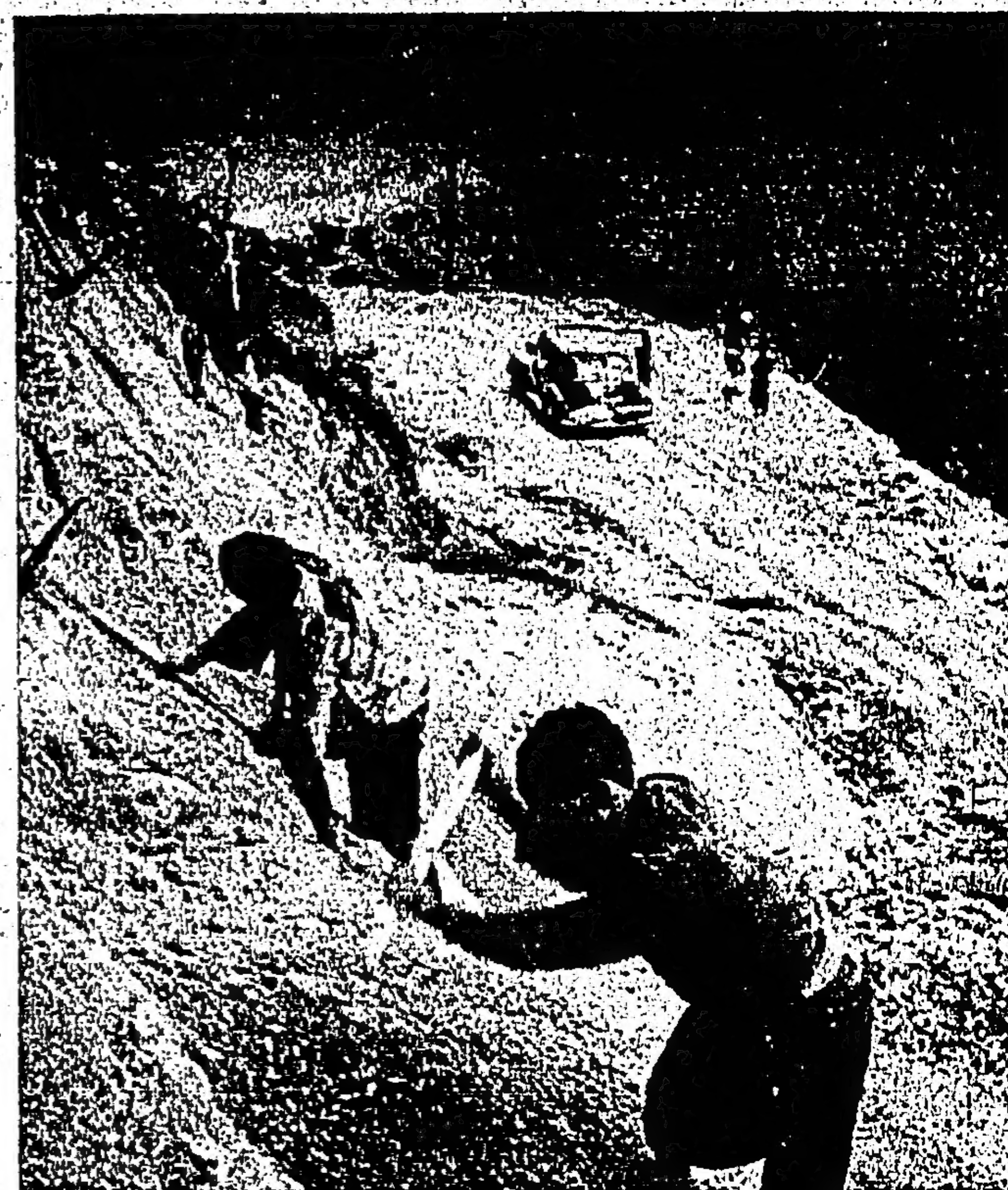
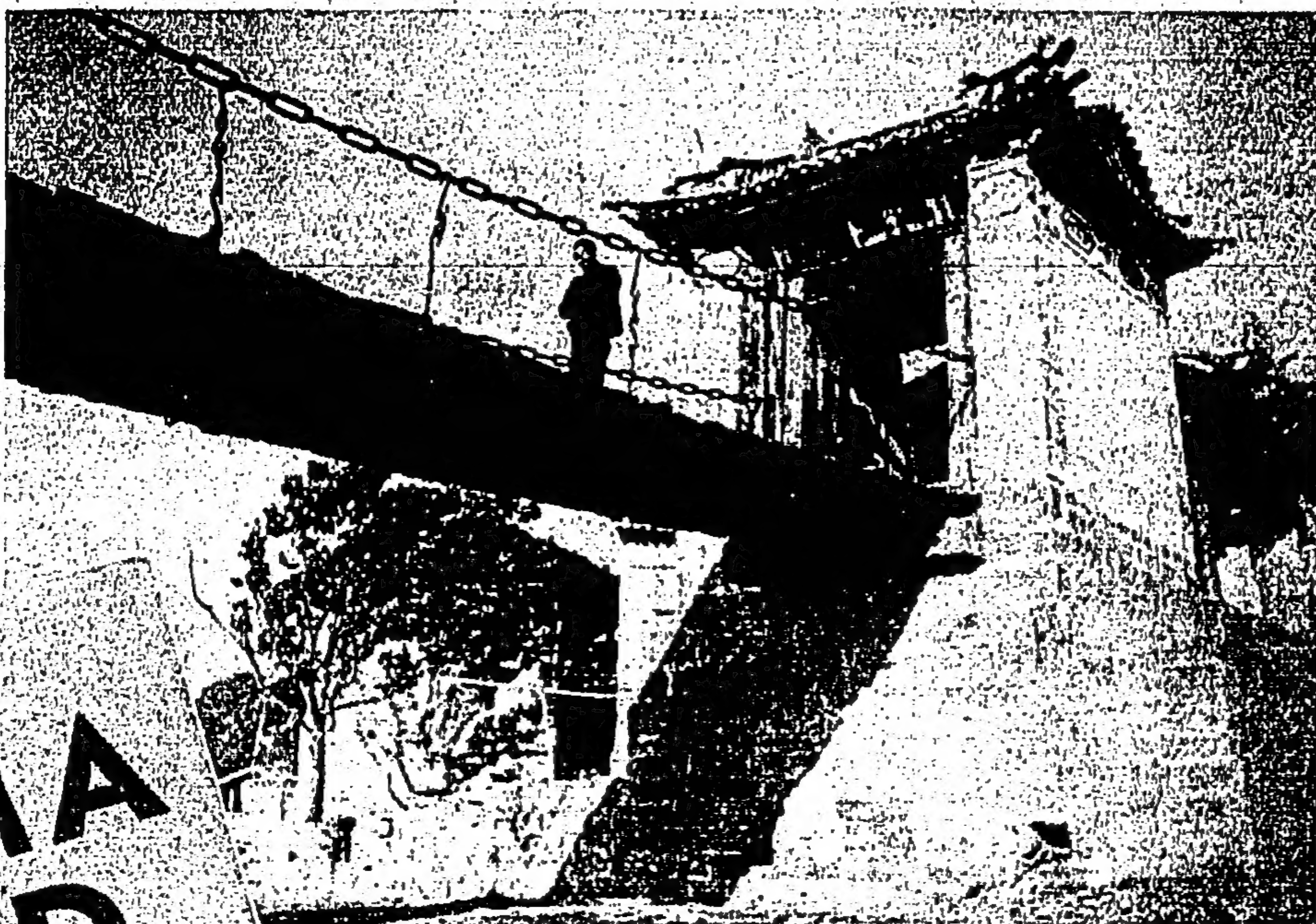


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1940.

**NORMAN SOONG**

took these pictures on a recent trip along the highway.

## The BURMA ROAD reopens



The Burma Road is 726 miles long. It starts at Kunming, provincial capital of Yunnan, which is directly connected by highway with Chungking, the wartime capital of China, and ends at Lashio, north-west terminus of the railway to Rangoon. It is 610 miles from Kunming to the Burma border, and 116 miles from the border to Lashio, or alternatively 130 miles north to Bhamo.

Construction was begun in December 1937, and was completed the following November. More than 200 engineers and 160,000 labourers were employed on the work, which, together with equipment and operation expenses, cost nearly \$16,000,000. Improvement work undertaken since then has cost further large sums.

The road traverses elemental regions where the population is sparse. It passes over a series of mountains, the highest being 5,500 feet above sea level, and over two mighty rivers, the Mekong and the Salween. The bridge over the Mekong, built from the approved way, is 1,000 feet long. It has remained unharmed from Japanese aerial attacks.

The trip from Lashio to Kunming takes between four to five days, varying according to the season. The road is now open, pending on the day of the week, and the service is regular. The road is now open, pending on the day of the week, and the service is regular. The road is now open, pending on the day of the week, and the service is regular.









# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR FUTURE ARMY



Hundreds of British boys who have not yet reached the age of twenty, and who are therefore not liable for military service, have shown their keenness to assist in the Empire's fight by volunteering for home defence and are undergoing instruction at Aldershot and elsewhere. To meet this demand young soldiers' companies have been specially formed in association with most existing regiments. These young soldiers of the future are between the ages of 18 and 20 and they invariably show remarkable promise, from both a military and a physical standpoint. Many of them are Public School boys waiting for the time when they will be able to enter an Officers' Cadet Training Unit.

Picture No. (1) shows a squad of youths at rifle practice, and in Picture No. (2) are seen volunteers checking the aim of their opposite numbers by looking through bayonet rings.

"The youngsters are as keen as mustard," said an officer who has a large number under his care. "They are given training very similar to their older comrades in the Service units, and great care is also taken to improve their bodily strength by means of appropriate physical training and good food."

Their mental alertness is stimulated by foot drill, rifle exercises and lectures on various subjects. Interesting talks are given on regimental history, personal hygiene, the value and object of discipline and many other matters. It is a strenuous life but a happy one, and Picture No. (3) and Picture No. (4) give a good idea of the physical fitness of these young volunteers. The

beneficial effects of the training become noticeable a few days after the boys have started their military service.

Reveille is at 6.30 a.m., and after a hearty breakfast, the young soldiers fall in on the Parade Ground for instruction from men who have already been fighting in the present war.

The Army offers many opportunities for the boy who decides to make it his career. He may, if he wishes, enter upon the technical and scientific side of military life. The up-to-date equipment and appliances continually being introduced into the Army need an ever-increasing number of men skilled in the essential trades, and it is these men that the authorities like to enlist and train young.

There are many Army Technical Schools where highly skilled instructors are at work teaching those who have elected to join the Royal Engineers, the Royal Army Service Corps, the Royal Corps of Signals, the Royal Artillery, and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Side by side with the technical instruction go ordinary military training, facilities for sport and, in the early years, religious instruction. The boys are given opportunities to sit for various educational certificates necessary for promotion to the different ranks. It is open to any boy who is ambitious and keen to obtain a commission in the British Army.

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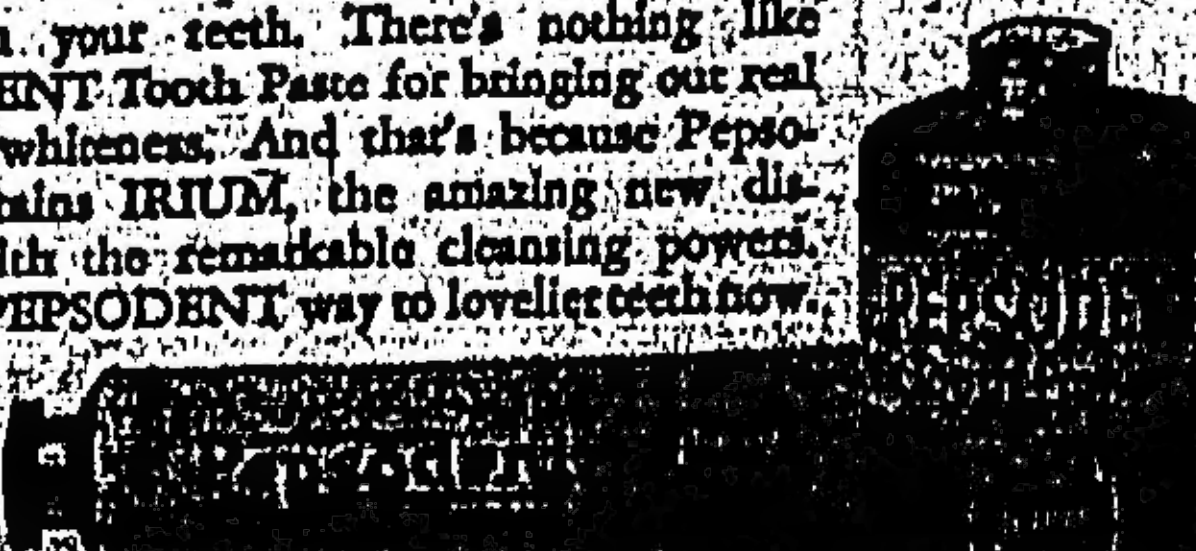
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# HITLER MUST SEEK VICTORY WITH HIS ARMY

WHILE there is a partial lull in military operations we have an opportunity to review the main factors of the strategic situation.

It must be obvious that so far Hitler has achieved his successes chiefly with his army; immensely assisted, of course, by his air force and by the underground activities of the Fifth column in the countries he has conquered.

The way in which his air arm has been most useful to him has been in co-operation tactics and not as an independent force except where the threat of its use alone has served to bring about the surrender of countries incapable of reprisals. Austria and Czechoslovakia, it may be admitted, surrendered to the air menace; the Dutch army laid down its arms when more of Holland's cities were threatened with the destruction visited on Rotterdam.

In all other cases—Poland, Norway, Belgium and France—however ruthlessly air power was used, it was used to further the offensive power of the army. Confronted by the Maginot Line, Germany, in spite of her great superiority in the air, did not attempt to obtain a rapid decision by ruthless air attack, but devised a plan which brought the full power of her army into play. That, apart from political considerations, warfare into the enemy country was natural enough, since the German General Staff has been nurtured in the belief that Germany's army is her chief element of strength. Now that Germany has been halted by the sea and confronts a new and more formidable Maginot Line.

The first instinct of Hitler's advisers was apparently again to use their air force in order to bring the army into play, even though it was clear that for invasion the army could not be employed at full strength. We cannot be certain that they are yet satisfied that her instinct must give way to logic, and that for an attack on Britain it must be accepted that their principal if not their sole instrument is their air force. Yet we may, I think, safely assume that their air force must adopt an independent role for the time being. Germany must accept that, even though she may hope ultimately to be able to use the army again.

**With What  
Purpose?**

No one seems to be quite clear what has been the underlying purpose of the comparatively large-scale daylight attacks which Germany has made from the air. The targets selected—

By Major-Gen. Sir CHARLES GWYNN

convoys, naval bases and aerodromes—have all been within the zone where fighter escorts can be provided. Night attacks by bombers have, of course, penetrated farther, but neither in numbers nor intensity have they equalled the attacks delivered by the R.A.F. on Germany. None of the German raids would seem to indicate a definite attempt either:

1. To interrupt our sea communications.
2. To prepare the way for invasion, or
3. To open unrestricted attack on the life of the country.

It is possible that they may have been experimental, to enable a decision to be taken on which of the three courses affords best prospects of success. They may have been chiefly intended to give personnel training in a new role.

Perhaps it may have been hoped that by attacking targets within their fighters' reach heavy damage would be inflicted on R.A.F. fighters before air warfare was launched on a maximum scale.

Whatever the object, the results must have been extremely disappointing to Hitler. It is too early yet to be supremely satisfied, but there are good grounds for believing that not only is invasion an impracticable project but that in unrestricted air warfare Germany would suffer more than Britain.

Obviously our position can never be sufficiently secure to allow us to relax any of our defensive measures. More and more fighter aircraft and pilots are required if only to provide reserves to replace damage and tired personnel. But, as Lord Trenchard has pointed out, our carrier aircraft, who can carry warfare into the enemy country, are even more important. We are, of course, primarily concerned with the defence of Britain, and we have reason to believe that we can make it so that even Hitler may against his own wishes realise that he can neither invade us nor employ his air force against us in a ruthless attack.

Confronted by a new Maginot position would he not, then, look for an alternative, especially one which would enable him to use his army, the instrument which he cannot use against Britain without incurring prohibitive risks?

Obviously we must not fall into the error of becoming obsessed with the problem of making our Maginot defences doubly secure. We must consider where else we are vulnerable. In Egypt and in the Middle East generally the margin of safety is none too large. So long as we are threatened there only by Italy the position is reasonably secure, but the stronger the defence of Britain becomes the greater the probability that Germany will appear in that arena.

**Germany And  
Egypt**

To transport troops from Italy to Libya would, of course, in-

volve great risks, but at least the men would be disembarked at a friendly port and not under continuous air attack.

Granted, also, that Libya does not provide a good base for very large forces, and that there would be supply difficulties of all sorts, particularly in regard to petrol; yet there can be no doubt that a stiffening of German troops would make Italy's forces there much more formidable, especially if brought into use. German air reinforcements might be even more welcome to the Italians, and in Egypt German paratroops and airborne troops might have in some ways a favourable field for activity. The British would not care to have to disperse their forces, and the Egyptians are not likely to be able to produce a Home Guard for the protection of vulnerable points. Protection of air bases alone would, as happened in Holland, entail dispersion of regular troops.

It must be realised, therefore, that the defence of Egypt, the Canal, and the naval base at Alexandria may not merely prove to be a problem of defence against the Italian army in Libya. That I am sure, is recognised by Gen. Wavell.

Even if Germany decided to use part of her army and air force in Libya she would still have ample resources for movement eastwards, through the Balkans, threatening Turkey or through Spain, threatening Portugal and Gibraltar. Any of such enterprises would give her that opportunity she needs of employing her army to our detriment. It is true that none of them would bring her quick, decisive victory, however successful it might be; but the fact remains that the less chance Germany has of obtaining a rapid success in Britain itself the more likely she is to undertake operations elsewhere while maintaining an action threat against Britain. A purely defensive attitude on our part would in no way tie her hands.

The only means by which we can limit Germany's power of taking the initiative in new theatres of war is developing our own offensive power.

**R.A.F.  
Development**

Our chief offensive weapon, the Royal Navy, is already fully in operation. It has tightened its blockade stranglehold, and we must see to it that no persuasion induces us to relax the grip. But our Air Force magnificent as its performances have been, both in defence and in its attacks on Germany, has not nearly reached the limit of its potentialities. It is, I feel, its offensive power which especially requires strengthening, whether it is operating from home bases in the Middle East.

The deeper and wider we can make the attacks against Germany's means of communication and production establishments, the less she will be capable of sending armies to distant fields.

**ARGUED OVER  
DEAD HORSE**

—Judge Peeved

ELIZABETH, N.J., Oct. 15 (UP).—Michael Destefano sat respectfully in the police court while two veterinarians and members of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals argued that his horse with curled hooves was in great pain and should be destroyed.

Then Destefano told the court that his horse, exhibited recently at county fairs, was a freak and had not suffered pain. As an afterthought, he added:

"The horse is dead. He died Sunday."

"Do you mean to tell me," the judge demanded, "that we have been arguing here for almost an hour over a dead horse? Why didn't you tell us that when the case started?"

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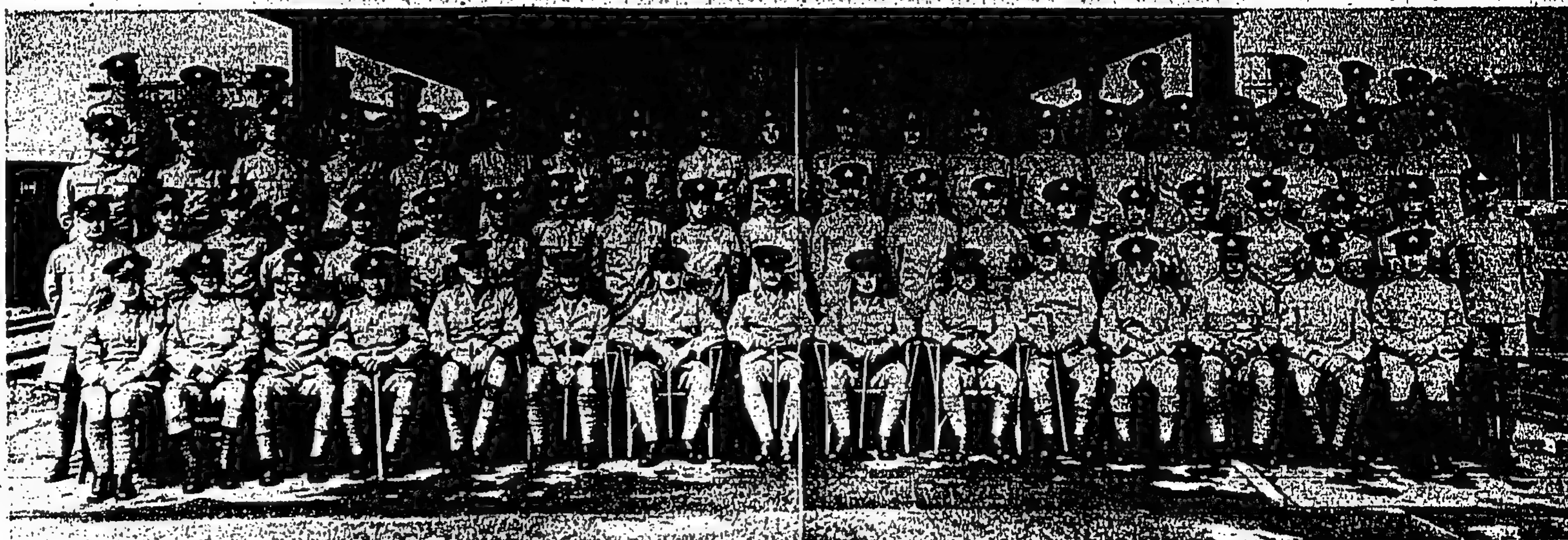
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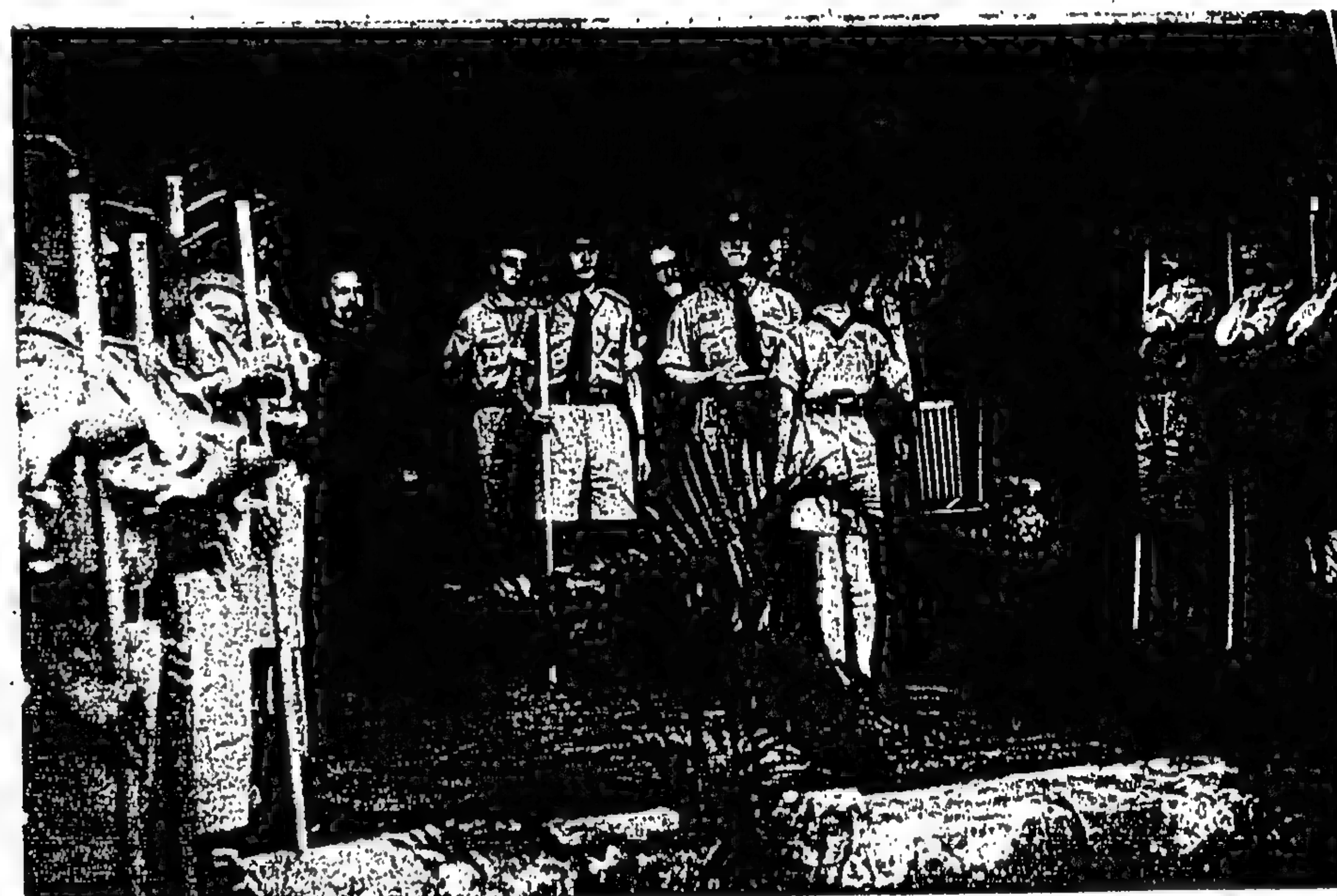
## Volunteer Contingent

Officers and Members of the Field Company, Engineers, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, photographed at Kowloon Railway Station. Major R. D. Walker, M.C., Officer Commanding, is seen in the centre of the front row.



**GOVERNOR INTERESTED**—His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, visited the School for the Deaf in Kowloon City last week. Here he is seen questioning one of the children. With him are Miss Li Luk-wa, the principal, the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Mrs. W. K. Cheung and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith.

**NEW SCOUT TROOP**—A member of the 16th Hongkong (St. Louis Industrial School) Troop of Boy Scouts being sworn in last week by the Scoutmaster, Rev. Brother Frederick Grimshaw. The Colony Commissioner, Rev. N. V. Halward, and the Rev. Brothers Cassian and Guarona were also present.



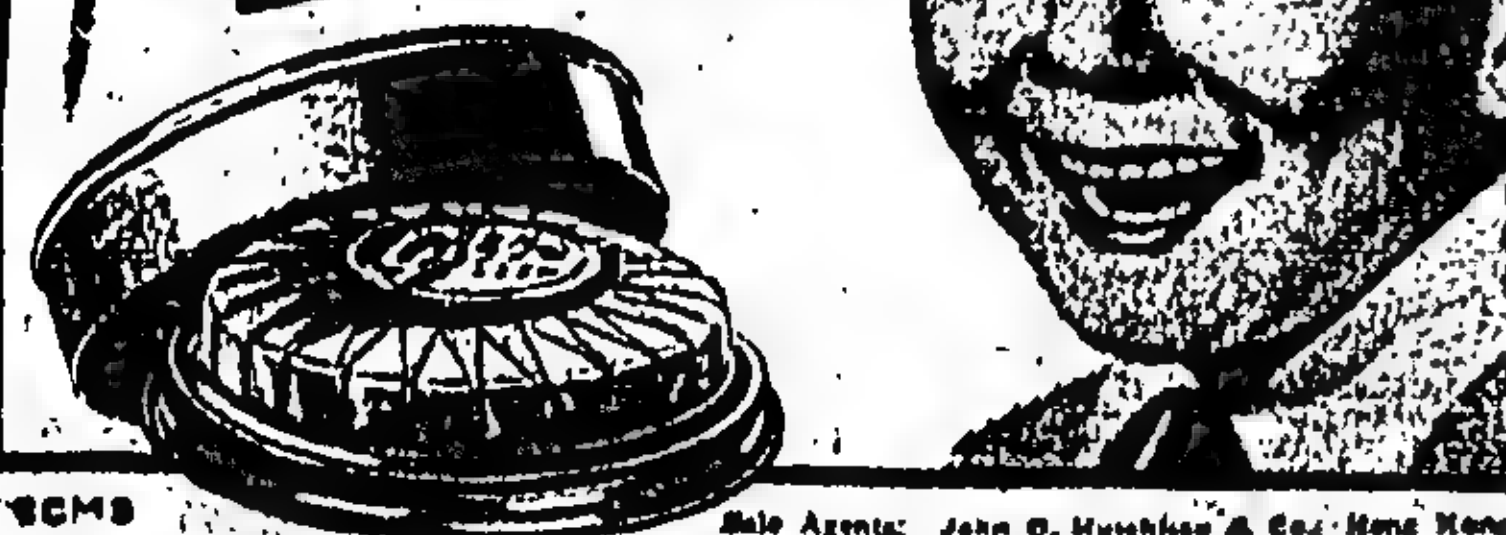
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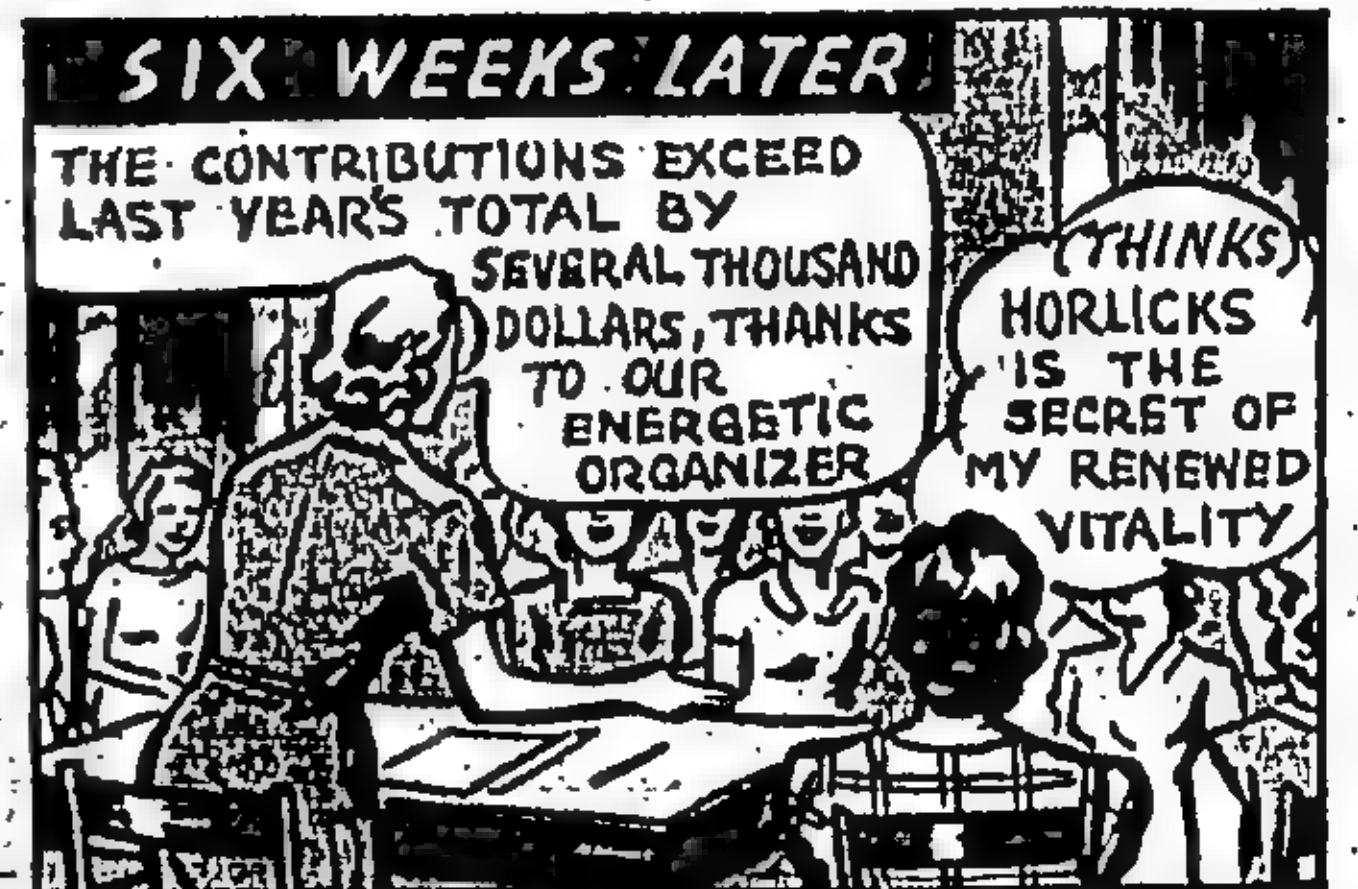
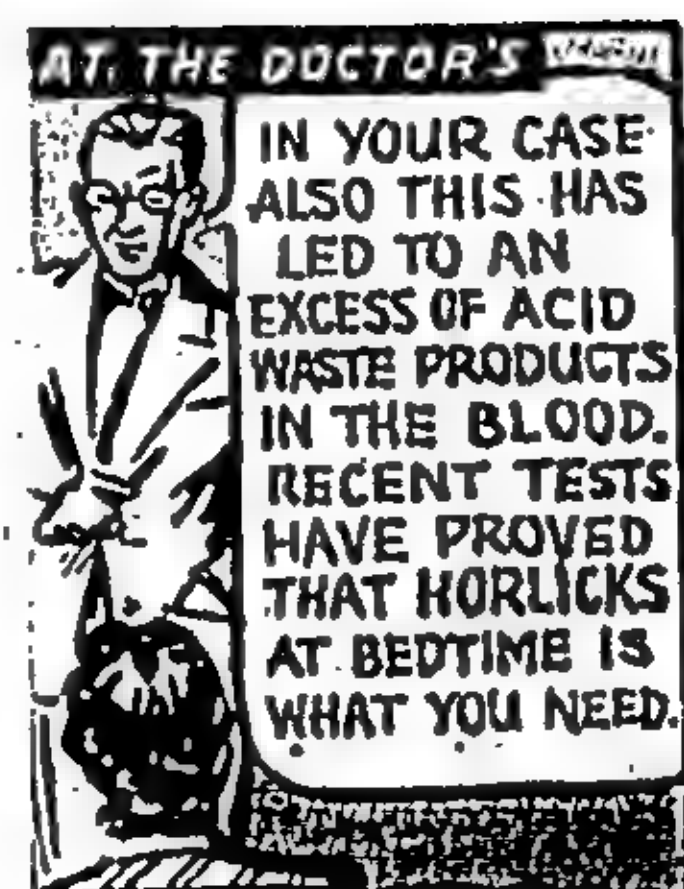
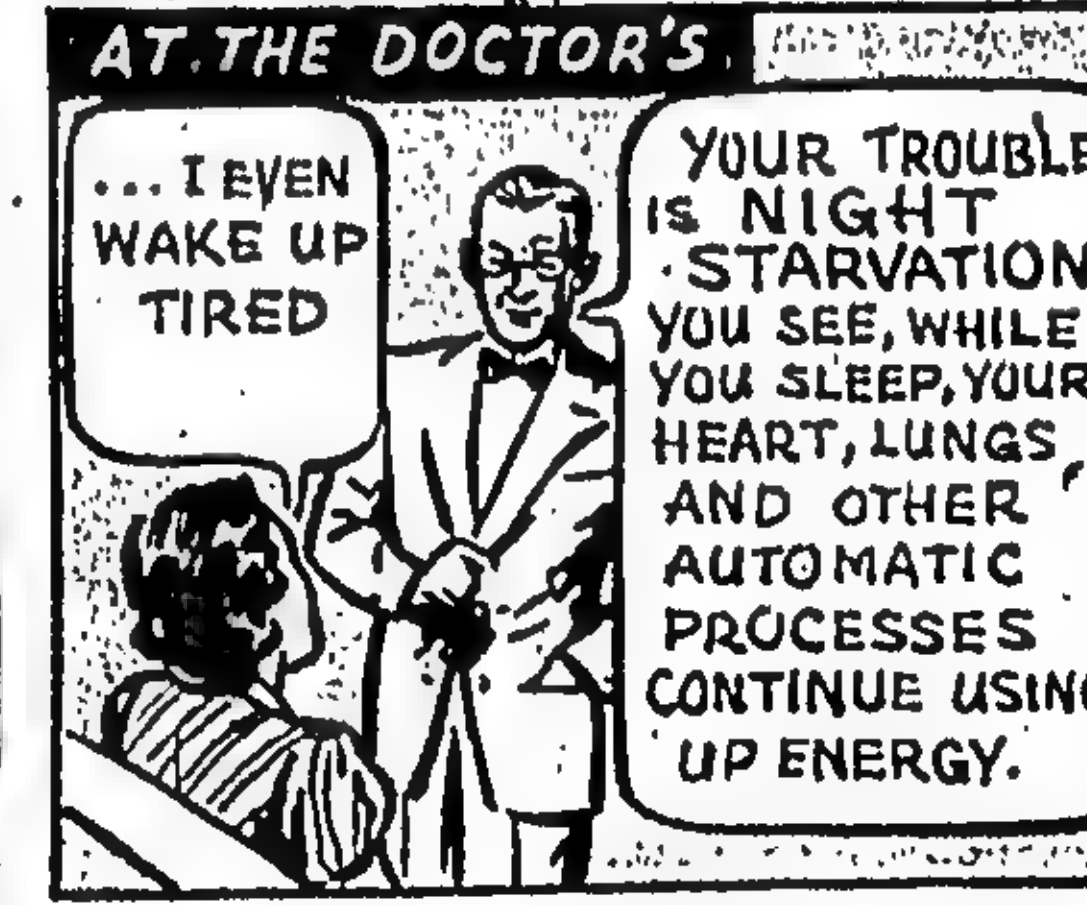
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## CHARITY WORKER NEARLY FAILS IN ORGANISING APPEAL

HOSPITAL WEEK



DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS USE HORLICKS IN HOSPITAL TESTS

RECENTLY tests were made in a great hospital on men and women who complained of always feeling tired.

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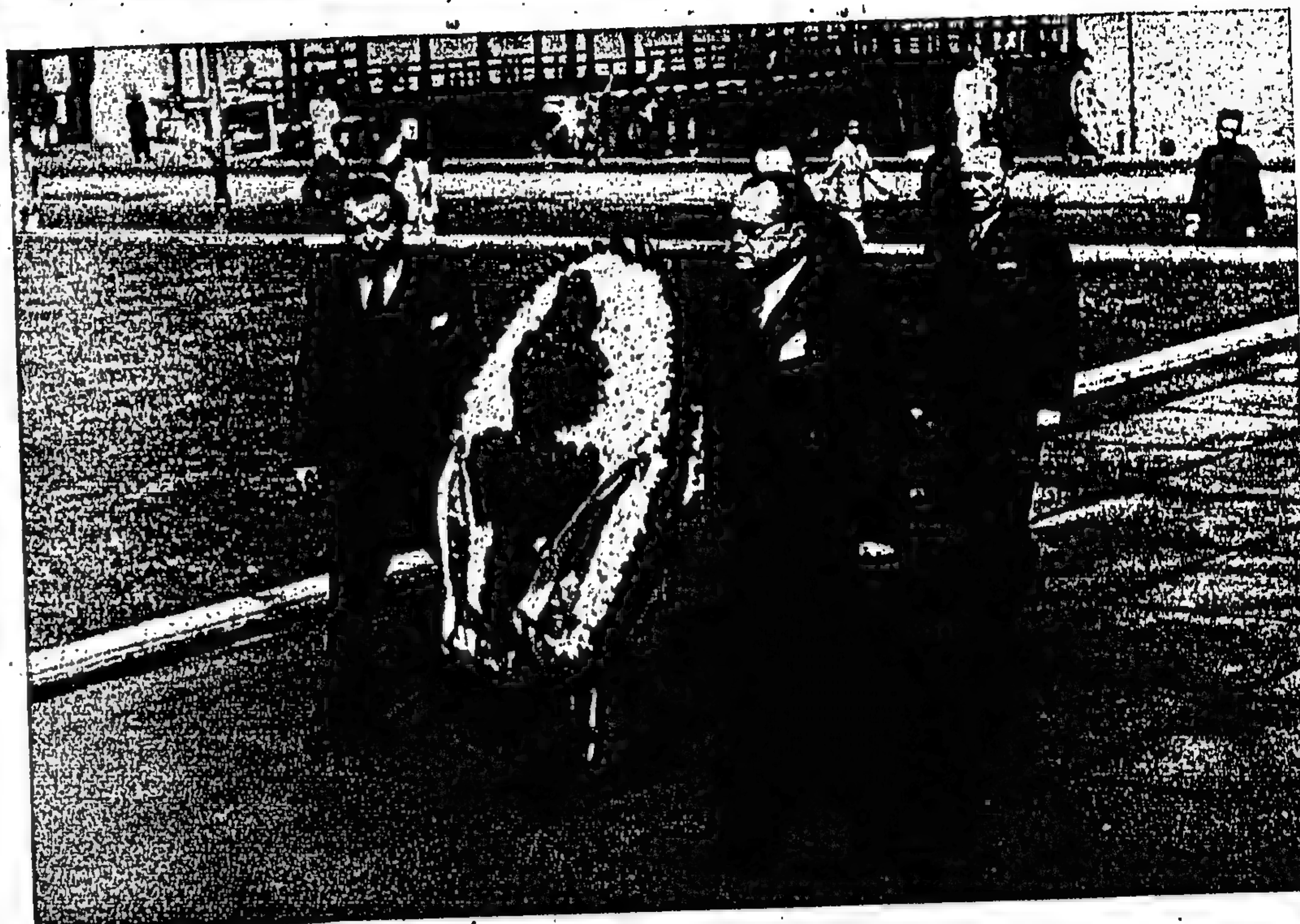
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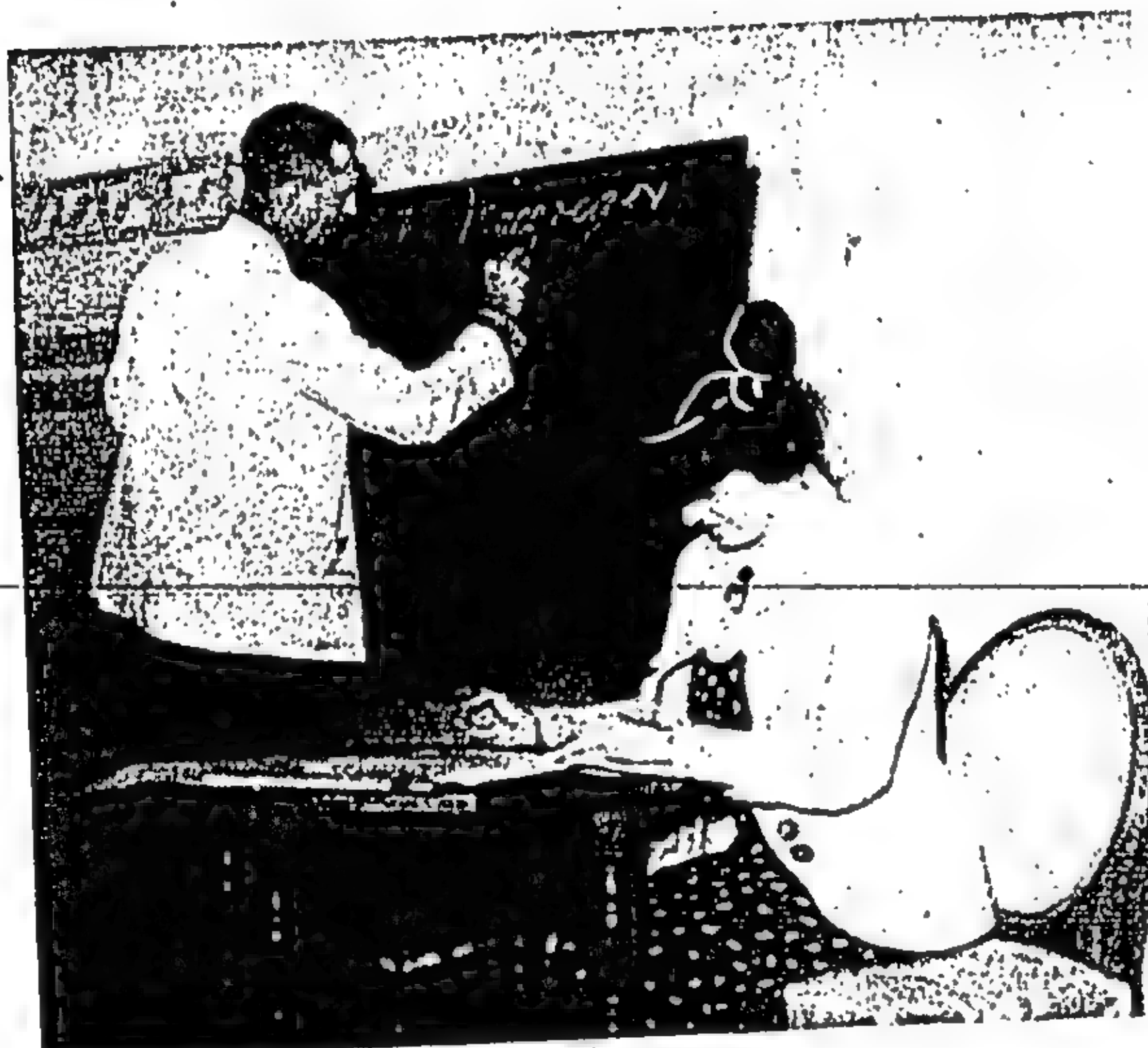


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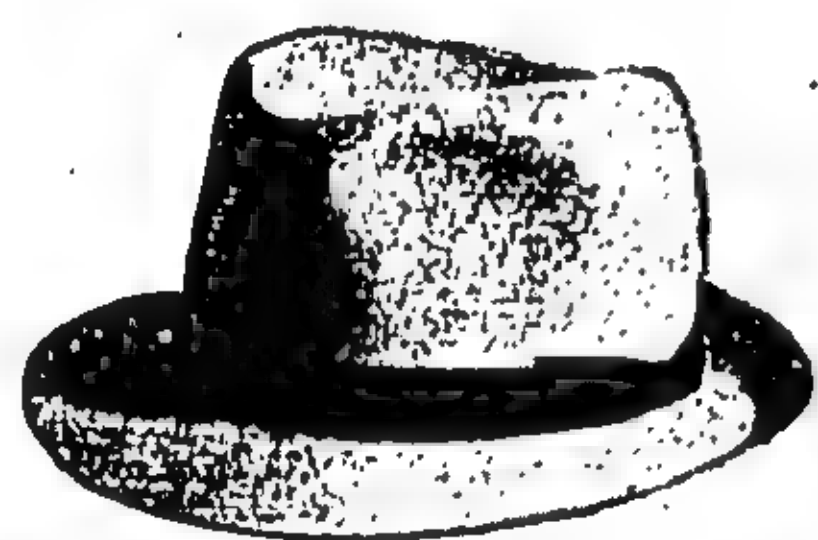


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## Husbands Meet To Protest Against Evacuation



These pictures were taken at the meeting at the Peninsula Hotel on November 8 when over 500 Hongkong men, whose wives and families had been evacuated attended. Above at left, Mr. F. C. Clemo, the Honorary Secretary, writing down the names of those nominated to the Committee. With him is Miss Bonnie Robinson, who took the minutes of the meeting. Above at right, Detective Sergeant H. J. Baldwin hands in his vote to Sergeant J. Shepherd. Below, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, speaking at the meeting.



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# Secrets of Petain's Surrender

By  
Robert Henrey

I AM able to-day to add a valuable page to the history of this war. One of the greatest mysteries of the last two months has been to find the true key to Marshal Petain's amazing conduct in signing the armistice at Rethondes and handing over to the common enemy the French Empire and its mighty Fleet. A distinguished French Deputy who has succeeded in escaping from France revealed the secret to me yesterday.

THE scene takes place at Bordeaux on Sunday, June 16, an hour after M. Reynaud—under pressure—had resigned.

Marshal Petain, succeeding to the head of the Government, had just received, through the medium of our Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, Mr. Winston Churchill's offer to conclude "a solemn act of union with France" which would give every Frenchman citizenship of Britain and make every Briton a citizen of France.

The Marshal, document in hand, paced up and down the room speaking to two or three of his Government colleagues.

After a moment he turned and said gruffly, "I will not accept this offer of Churchill's after the way I was treated by Great Britain in March, 1918."

There was a hush. Somebody asked him to explain.

PETAIN cleared his throat and added, "You will remember that until that date I was commander of the Armies of the North and North-East. Then came the critical German offensive on March 21, and the way to Paris lay open.

"Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau decided to appoint a Generalissimo. My name was passed over in favour of Foch, mostly owing to British exigencies. I have not forgotten that."

TWO days later my friend was summoned to the last meeting of the French Parliament. It took place in the main school-room of the Lycee Anatole France at Bordeaux.

Out of 620 Deputies 60 turned up, and out of 300 members of the Upper House there arrived exactly 10. Herriot, the Speaker, was not present. M. Barthe, a questeur (a post of which there is no equivalent in this country) took the chair.

## China's Corridor To The West

"Corridor to the western territories." That's the new name for the 4,300-kilometer Sino-Soviet Highway, which has become China's most important international artery of trade. Following the old imperial road built by the redoubtable Gen. Tso Tsung-tang (Pacifier of the Sinking Rebellion) near the end of the Manchu Dynasty during his military campaign, 5-ton trucks rumble along all day, carrying tea and other Chinese exports to Russia and bringing vital supplies into Free China from the USSR. With the exception of the Sino-Soviet airline, the Sino-Soviet Highway is now the shortest cut between Chungking and Moscow.

Formed by the Szechwan-Shensi, Shensi-Kansu and Kansu-Sinkiang motor roads, the Sino-Soviet Highway was still non-existent in the first year of the Sino-Japanese war. Hundreds of trucks coming from Russia were stalled in Sinkiang, unable to proceed further east, and pack animals had to lug the precious cargoes over miles of desert land to their destination. Gen. Ma Pu-ching, Mohammed-

dan military leader of Kansu, was instructed to mobilise his troops, assisted by 100,000 peasants, to build the Kansu-Sinkiang stretch of the highway. At the end of the first year of the war, the road was completed and goods started to flow. At least ten metres wide, the Sino-Soviet Highway has room enough for two giant trucks running abreast. Although incomparable to the Indo-China-Yunnan highway, it can hold its own against the Burma Road, known throughout the world as an "engineering feat." One advantage the Sino-Soviet Highway has over the Burma Road is that the North-west is dry, fit for traffic at all seasons. The distance between Lanchow and the Russian border is about the same as between Chungking and the Burmese boundary: 2,000 kilometres.

Together with the Sino-Soviet Highway has come prosperity. Whereas the three famines between 1929 and 1931 had brought desolation and ruin to the Sinkiang-Kansu stretch, the line is now dotted with truck depots, new settlements of tech-

THE point at issue was to decide whether the Chamber wanted to give in or not. Blum made a non-committal speech saying he would vote with the majority.

Bonnet glared at his colleagues, urging capitulation. This meeting of Parliament and Senate was unofficial because Herriot, locking himself up in an hotel bedroom, refused to appear. But it led the way to the armistice of June 22.

MY friend was perhaps the last man now in England to have spoken with Petain. He found him rabidly anti-British. His wife had contributed in recent years to this feeling.

She was notably pro-German. Petain fell in love with her before the last war. Her father, a notable soldier, refused to allow Petain, then a young captain, to marry her.

Her husband was killed in 1917. After a few years of widowhood she married Petain, who was by then a Marshal.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE gave an almost dramatic confirmation of Petain's bitterness when I gave him these facts.

"It is quite true," he said, "that Petain's name did come up at Doullens when Clemenceau had decided to appoint a supreme commander."

Mr. Lloyd George said that he was afraid at the time that Clemenceau might favour Petain for this post. It was only after some discussion that the French Premier agreed to the appointment of Foch.

That Mr. Lloyd George was right is proven by the fact that Poincare in his diary declared that Petain was a defeatist. Mr. Lloyd George added that personally he had no opinion of Petain's resolution and resource in an emergency.

From this we can see how deep and bitter Petain's resentment must be against the British, whom he feels robbed him of the greatest military post in history.

## PELLAGRA IN ITALY

—No Balanced Diet

FROM a neutral diplomatist just returned from Italy I learn that as a sequel to prevailing malnutrition the disease pellagra has again made an appearance there, says a London correspondent.

This was formerly a scourge of the rice-growing areas and certain other Northern agricultural districts where the peasants lived on pollenta, a dish made from maize, and on little else. It was at one time believed to be produced by diseased maize, but was later traced to lack of vitamins.

Those affected begin by showing debility and inability to work; in the later stages of severe cases the brain is affected. What appears to be lacking in Italy is a balanced diet. There are four mealless days a week, which means that macaroni and pollenta are the staple foods and are too little varied.

## Nazi Pilot Gives To Spitfire Fund Five-Mark Donation

A German pilot has given a five-mark note to the Mayor of Chatham's Spitfire Fund.

The pilot, who had been shot down by R.A.F. fighters over Kent, was being escorted under armed guard by train through Chatham. The train pulled up with the pilot's compartment opposite the refreshment buffet. A waitress held out her Spitfire collecting box, and the pilot, who was made to understand what the box was for, obtained his wallet from the pocket of the coat and pushed a note into the box. It is suggested that the note should be auctioned for the fund.

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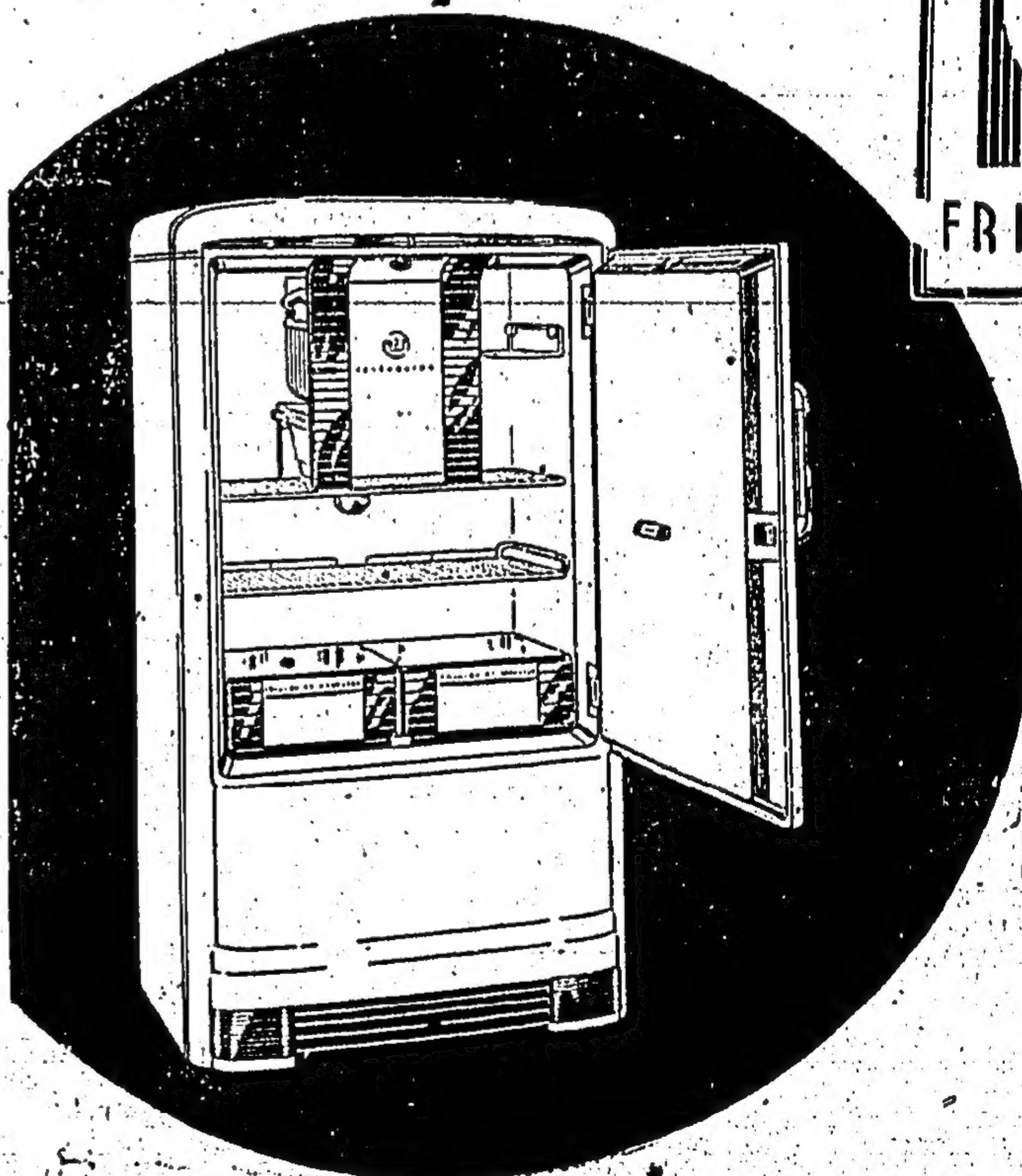


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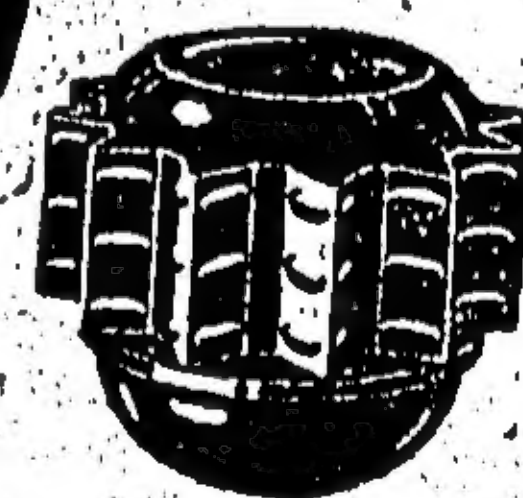
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# Livingstone the Liberator

Livingstone the Liberator, by James I. MacNair. London: Collins. (Pocket Classics.) 2s. 6d.

THE year 1940 is the centenary of the departure to Africa of David Livingstone, the Scots missionary-traveller. Mr. MacNair's book needs no further justification. It stands on its own merits and it grips the reader to the last page.

Though there have been good biographies of Livingstone, the writer of this latest one, as chairman of the Livingstone National Memorial at Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Livingstone's birthplace, has been in a special position to do research work into the life of one of the greatest men Scotland has given the world. Mr. MacNair is steeped in Livingstone lore, and has been the instrument of accumulating much new material.

David Livingstone was born of humble parents. A detailed account of his boyhood, based mainly on traditions still current around his birthplace, is extraordinarily interesting to the student of social conditions as well as to the general reader. As a record of a humble but deeply religious Scottish home in the early days of the last century, the book has real value. It gives a fine picture of a splendid home in which the parents never let poverty stand in the way of ideals. It is no kailyard romance, nor yet a picture of a plaster saint.

Working conditions in those days seem incredibly hard compared with the present day. From the age of ten David Livingstone slaved, awakened by the mill bell at half past five in the morning, until eight at night. The toil of the day over, he attended night school for two hours. Yet he found time to study Latin while he was working.

Livingstone's own description of his folk—"my own order, the godly poor"—was an apt one. His father was of Celtic stock from the island of Ulvan near Oban. His mother came of mid-Lanark folk with a sound Covenanting strain.

Mr. MacNair's book is illustrated with 16 full-page illustrations from material in the Memorial, of special interest being the five specially drawn maps of Livingstone's journeyings.

Among the new facts brought to light, Mr. MacNair tells for the first time the true story of Livingstone's eldest son, Robert, who was killed in the American Civil War fighting for the North. Robert was a headstrong lad, and in those sterner times he was regarded with a disapproval which would be unthinkable today.

But the chief interest of the book lies in the story of Livingstone's journeyings. It has been said that his greatest work was not the exploration of Africa but the discovery of the African, whom he rated so highly that he thought him worthy of all that he could give. And the Africans by acts of splendid loyalty compelled the admiration of the world. It is an epic story which loses nothing by being retold at a time when so many tales of bravery are current. Livingstone's greatest legacy was the inspiration of his life.

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"An Epic of the Gestapo" is about the fate of a certain wealthy Czech industrialist who left Brumm at Easter time in 1939, trying to escape from German-occupied Czechoslovakia and get to England. On the way he disappeared, and his friends in London commissioned Sir Paul Dukes to try to find out what had happened to him, and this is the record of the search.

Sir Paul's chase started when he read a tiny paragraph in a newspaper that was six weeks old and was published in a small provincial town in the Sudetenland. This small paragraph was a report that a man had been found dead on a railway line near the village of Mies in the Sudetenland. Instinctively, he felt there was something about this mysterious death which might be linked up with the man whom he was trying to trace. It was a very thin thread, but Sir Paul held on to it and followed it to the very end when he succeeded in forcing the Gestapo to exhume the body of the man who was killed. It was, of course, the man he was looking for.

His main asset in the whole business was that he was well known for his reputation in Russia. German police officials helped him simply because they knew that he was a celebrated opponent of Bolshevism, and he himself ascribes a large part of his success to this fact. "It was fortunate," he says,

"that my investigation was concluded before the Russo-German Pact was signed." The moment the Pact was signed Sir Paul's chance of triumph instantly became an embarrassment. He was now known as the uncompromising opponent of Hitler's new friend and he only got out of Germany in the nick of time; exactly twenty-four hours before War was declared.

A. G. MacDonell

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## AN AMERICAN WARNS US...

# Don't take U.S. for granted!

Minority armies are still working powerfully against Britain's cause.

BY ALAN A. MICHIE  
An American journalist working in London.

THE march of totalitarianism from Norway to Paris brought about an upheaval of American sentiment from Los Angeles to New York.

Millions of ostrich-minded Americans who had hopefully, selfishly put their trust in the wide stretches of the Atlantic, in the British Navy, even in the fortresses of the Maginot Line, pulled their heads from the sands to discover that the survival of Britain had become an immediate necessity for America.

To-day there is no doubt where Americans stand as a whole: a rapidly growing number, when questioned, favour extending material aid to Britain and the Allies, and the majority of the others have enlisted at least their emotions on the side of Britain.

Aware only of these sentiments from American reports in the British Press, people in Britain may naturally begin to feel irritated that America has not yet given a more concrete example of that aid, a more positive demonstration of those sympathies.

## Tell America

Unfortunately, English people do not realise that while the voice of majority America is saying one thing, insidious minority groups are working furiously to achieve the opposite—to prevent aid to Britain by one means or another.

To my insistence that Britain must now, more than ever, use every method to publicise the British case in America in order to combat these groups, a highly-placed Army officer recently replied:—

"But, surely, Britain has all the

thinking Americans—the educated, the cultured, the 'right people' on her side by now, hasn't she?"

True. But those people do not easily translate their sentiments into action.

They do not organise huge rallies where Colonel Lindbergh can advocate appeasing Germany "before it is too late."

They do not parade the streets with posters shouting "The Yanks Are Not Coming," or paste "Keep America Out of War" stickers on the car windshields.

America is a nation where the organisation of pressure by minority groups is a professional job.

A word from Father Coughlin, the anti-semitic, anti-Roosevelt radiating priest, will send hundreds of thousands of almost identical wires flooding into the Capital in protest against intended legislation.

I have seen Catholic demonstrators take the streets with placards before New York's mammoth Radio City Music Hall and successfully drive off the screen an excellent pic-



FATHER COUGHLIN  
One word from him sets the wires humming.

## Nazis' Big Guns Have Short And Dear Life

By F. G. H. SALUSBURY.

THE use of German heavy artillery to shell England is more horrible than effectual in a material way.

That is to say, the military results are not proportionate to the cost of the method employed.

In the first place, accuracy is impossible at such ranges as 22 miles or more.

The height which the projectile reaches in its passage over the distance, precludes any sort of knowledge of weather conditions, which is a prime factor in gunnery.

Secondly, observation from the ground is impossible and results must be checked from spotting a civilian population.

Such aircraft can easily be dealt with by the R.A.F. Thirdly, the shell employed must have extraordinarily thick walls, thus reducing its bursting charge considerably, in order to withstand the terrific force of the propellant charge which drives it out of the gun.

## At Random

Above all, the life of these heavy guns is limited to a hundred rounds, after which a new barrel has to be fitted. Prolonged plastering of a countryside with this kind of artillery is, therefore, out of the question, and while it lasts can only be at random.

The effect of a shell-burst of this type can be very unpleasant, but compared with aerial bombing, it is of little value, except to frighten a civilian population.

ture called "Blockade" because it was unfavourable to the Franco regime.

These tactics are bound to prove effective when thinking people do not combat them with similar weapons.

Reading the news from America only in the British press, one might think that the United States was solidly lined up with Britain. Too much importance is placed on quotations from the New York "Times" and New York "Herald-Tribune."

Admittedly two of the best-informed papers in America, their influence extends almost solely to the intellectual upper middle-class circles of the East.

To get the true perspective, Britons should be told what the isolationist Chicago "Tribune" is telling its many readers in America's second largest city, or what the Hearst "Journal-American" is saying in New York.

## A Queer Mixture

Opposition to Britain and America aid to her has resulted in the setting forth of the most curious group of pressure minorities ever assembled.

Before the war the American Government estimated that there were at least 160 organisations "with Fascist-Nazi leanings" in the country.

Among them were the followers of Father Coughlin; the Silver Shirts; the re-awakening Ku Klux Klan; the Christian Front; the Knights of the White Camellia; the German-American Bund, now renamed the German-American Alliance; the Vindicators, headed by demagogue Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina; and dozens of smaller groups.

## Lindbergh's Sponsors

Not consciously Fascist but flourishing on the isolationism of the American hinterland are such powerful organisations as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Gold Star Mothers, and the American Legion, peddlers of superpatriotism.

Organised since the war, and sponsor of Colonel Lindbergh's radio chats, is the Citizens' Keep-America-Out-of-the-War Committee.

Many of these groups, particularly the L.R.A. in America, have come under the wing of German agents reporting directly to German Embassy or Consular officials.

The "Keep Out of War" demand is being actively pushed by some of the followers of John L. Lewis, leader of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, by the Communist-controlled American Youth Congress, and by sincere college students who have grown up in an atmosphere of militant pacifism.

Anti-British activity does not stop at street parades and speech-making. Government investigation has revealed that Communist-Nazi agents have filtered into aircraft factories, particularly in California, to organise sabotage.

## Sabotage

According to private reports from America, so far unverified, there have been 60 suspicious "accidents" in national defence works since the war started.

These men, these organisations, do not speak for the real America, but real America is slow to become articulate.

Its voice has been choked off in the confusion and doubt of the past six weeks. From the fall of France until last week thinking Americans were asking themselves: Will Britain survive? And if Britain is going to go under, why send her supplies and material badly needed at home?

Can Britain, they asked, stand up to the treatment Goering's Luftwaffe gave Poland, the Low Countries and France? The events of the past ten days have answered one of the questions. The next month or two should provide the answer to the other.

It is not too much to hope that by that time the voice of real America will begin to be heard.

## Germans Try Out New Fire Bomb

New and queer types of bombs are being improvised by Goering's arms experts for experiments in fire-raising raids on Britain. Air Ministry and Home Security technicians are examining reports from A.R.P. authorities and the military on the effect of these new weapons.

The latest incendiary bomb is reported to be a thin metal cylinder carrying an inflammable mixture of pitch and paraffin. It is an offshoot of the Molotov cocktail—the bottle of burning petrol and paraffin which the Finns devised and used with success against the Russian tanks.

While the Ministry of Home Security has no intention of indicating to the enemy to what degree his attempts have succeeded or failed, they are confident that the present equipment of the fire-fighting services can deal adequately and speedily with any surprises of this character.

## German Workers Worse Than Serfs

German workers have been described in a Brookings Institution report as having less freedom in some respects under Nazi regimentation than the serfs of the Middle Ages, reports the "New York Herald-Tribune." This conclusion was presented in a survey made by Dr. L. Hamburger, formerly professor of labour legislation in the University of Geneva, now a visiting scholar at the institution, who based his study almost entirely on official Nazi sources.

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Not only is the German worker employed entirely at the will of the state, Dr. Hamburger found, but he is attached by law to a particular industry and to a particular job, and in practice changes of jobs are permitted only when it is to the interest of the state. Even unpaid family workers are now subject to rigid regulation.

Yet labour regimentation as it exists to-day was not fully planned in advance, Dr. Hamburger reported. The development of labour control to its present degree was a gradual movement, one step leading to another. It began in steps taken to relieve unemployment when the Nazi regime came to power. Prominent among these steps was the increase of the military forces, followed by compulsory labour service.

As the Nazi regime thus decreased the number of unemployed by taking men from the labour markets, it increased the number of available jobs by an extended programme of public works, largely of a military nature.

The first actual restriction of freedom to choose employment was decreed in 1934, when non-agricultural employers were ordered to discharge former agricultural workers in order to relieve a shortage of farm labour, which existed despite general unemployment. From then on, Dr. Hamburger related, as shortages of workers developed in various trades with the progress of rearmament, the government office receive greater and more detailed authority, amounting eventually to complete control. An important instrument of control is the work book, a kind of labour passport containing a complete vocational record of the work.

The labour programme effected a wholesale closing down of small, independent businesses and the transfer of such business men to the rank and file of workers. This programme began with reducing the number of peddlers and itinerant salesmen, and was broadened to include shopkeepers and independent artisans. Many artisans operating small establishments found their employees ordered to other work, and as no substitute employees were provided, they were impelled to close up shop and take employment offered by the government office.

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By July of last year, 100,000 independent artisans had been made industrial workers, and the transfer of altogether 500,000 was officially forecast.

As the labour shortage became more acute because of war preparation, the young were mobilized as they left school. Workers who reached retirement age in relatively good health could no longer claim benefits due to them, but had to continue working. Jews were out to work to some extent. Criminals were employed outside penitentiaries, and their hope of pardon was related to their output. Retired professionals and independent persons were finally reached by open labour conscription. Under conscription, 400,000, besides Army and labour service detachments, were put to work on the West Wall fortifications.

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